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It was ordered,

That Mr. Barmby do edit for the Society a volume of Parochial Records and Churchwardens' Accounts.

JAMES RAINE,

Secretary.

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OF

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AND OTHER PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF DURHAM

FROM

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PREFACE.

THE churchwardens' accounts published in this volume include those of four parishes in the diocese of Durham: two urban and two rural ones. One of the urban and one of the rural churches were under the jurisdiction of the Archdeacons of Durham; the other two under that of the official of the Dean and Chapter, who till lately had archidiaconal authority over certain parishes, constituting what was called the Officialty. Thus these four parishes may be taken as representative specimens. The contents of the Pittington book, which comes first in order, are given in full, as being more within compass than the rest, and the editor having felt a pardonable partiality for the records of his own parish. Extracts only from the others have been given; but sufficient, it is hoped, for illustrating the proceedings of the several parishes. In all of them the entries of some early years are given in full: in the St. Oswald's book till 1615, and again in the same book during the period of the Commonwealth and the Restoration.

The whole period comprised is from A.D. 1580 (22 Eliz.) to A.D. 1700 (11 W. and M.), an eventful and important one both ecclesiastically and politically. It will be observed, however, that the accounts of the parish of St. Nicholas (being the earliest there preserved) do not begin till A.D. 1665, and thus lack some of the peculiar interest of the others; but they will be found valuable as illustrating the period after the Restoration;—among other things as to pews, briefs, and the long-continued use of frankincense.

It may appear to some that parochial account books, however

ancient, are not likely to be of any great interest or importance. To any who think so it may be replied that no genuine human records can be without interest to such among us as delight in realising the thoughts, usages, and doings of our ancestors, who were once busy upon the earth as we are now. They help to conjure up before us those vanished generations, with the language they used, their views, their manners, their dealings with each other, and the institutions under which they lived: and entries or allusions may from time to time be found in them which are of value to the linguist, the political economist, or the historian.

The following points of interest claim notice among others :—

Pews The light thrown on the origin and progress of the system of appropriation of seats in churches. In the country parish of Pittington its first beginning appears in the year 1584 (see Introduction to the Pittington book), the church being already, it would seem, provided with fixed seats or stalls, presumably till that time free to all, though there, as elsewhere, men and women had been placed apart. In the parishes of Houghton and St. Oswald the system of appropriation had been of earlier date; but apparently, as at Pittington, originally this: That individual parishioners had seats in particular stalls assigned them by the churchwardens, tenable during life and residence in the parish, on payment of 4*d.* by each person on entry; and that it became customary, on the death of such persons, for their representatives to renew the privilege, paying a fee to the parish (at first usually 2*d.*) for 'renewal.' (Exchanges were also allowed as a private transaction between individuals, but not without the leave of the churchwardens, or without a money payment to the parish.) Thus families came to claim a permanent right in certain stalls, which had been assigned to their representatives, and renewed from time to time, after the manner of leasehold property, subject only to the payment of fines for renewal. The assumption of such right appears in a marked way from an entry in the book of St. Oswald's, A.D.

1624, when the 'owner' of a stall, Mr. Ralph Maddeson, did himself 'assigne, give, and set over his stall to Nicholas Petifer, to him, and his house for ever.' In some cases it was in virtue of occupancy of certain tenements in the parish that the right was claimed and recognised; but still new occupants had to pay an acknowledgment to the churchwardens for entry on their stalls. Thus at St. Oswald's in 1608 two shillings were paid for 'the stall belonging to Burn Hall,' and in 1615 John Farrow paid one shilling for 'one stall belonging to Houghall.' Thus also frequently at Houghton, and, after the Restoration, in the parish of St. Nicholas. 'Owners' of stalls seem in all cases to have been required to keep their own in repair; and at Houghton in 1607, and again in 1658, we find them ordered to do so under pain of forfeiting them altogether in favour of others who would fulfil the condition. This shows that though the system of permanent appropriation to houses or families was evidently at that time the recognised rule in that parish, yet no indefeasible right of possession was acknowledged; the churchwardens still asserting their legal power of seating the parishioners in church. A further ground on which claims to permanent ownership would be founded was the custom of allowing individuals to build new stalls or pews at their own charge for themselves in vacant parts of the church. The earliest instance before us is that of Sir Henry Anderson at Pittington, who, when appropriated seats were first assigned in 1584, built his own new stall for himself, and another for his tenants. There are many instances of the same custom afterwards in the other parishes, a fee, varying with the room occupied, being in all cases paid to the churchwardens. Evidence of the 'auncient custome' with regard to stalls or pews in the parish of Houghton-le-Spring, previous to the date of these books, but agreeing with what is found in them, will be found in vol. xxi. of the Surtees Society's Publications, p. 106.

We may remark, further, that the book of the parish of St. Nicholas exhibits the manner in which the Bishop's Con-

sistory Court, far from guarding the rights of the common parishioners, abetted and perpetuated the system of appropriation. In the other parishes we find no mention of faculties; but in this many were obtained, confirming legally certain pews to certain families, usually with the condition of such families continuing to reside in the parish and to resort to the church, though in one instance (March 24, A.D. 1702) a pew is confirmed, without any such condition expressed, to 'Robert Lamb, his wife and family for ever.' The usual condition may, however, have been understood, or the Court may have exceeded its legal powers.

When the old church of St. Nicholas was pulled down, and a new one built, in the year 1858, the whole internal accommodation had become so exclusively appropriated that the only way of enabling the common parishioners to worship in their parish church had been to institute extra evening services at which the pews were thrown open. It was much to the credit of the pewholders that of their own accord, and without any new faculty to compel them, they agreed in the new church to relinquish their customary and even legal rights, allowing it to be, as it is now, entirely free and unappropriated.

It appears that originally it was to individuals only that sittings or 'rooms' in stalls were assigned for payment, and that men were placed apart from women. Gradually, however, it will be seen that the custom of assigning whole stalls or pews to families came in, the earliest instance in these books being the assignment of a stall to a man and his wife together at St. Oswald's in 1603, after which, in 1606, Mr. Salvin has a family stall allowed him for Croxdale, one shilling, instead of the customary fourpence, being paid in each case. At Houghton also, in 1604, a man and his wife have a stall to themselves. Sir Henry Anderson's stall at Pittington, built by himself in 1584, was, however, probably meant for himself and his family. It is difficult, in fact, to determine the date at which the whole system of appropriated pews began. It is often supposed that Protestantism was its parent, and that there was no such thing

before the Reformation. But it appears from the 'Ludlow Churchwardens' Accounts' (printed for the Camden Society, A.D. 1869), which reach back to the year 1540, that the assignment of stalls in return for money payments to the churchwardens was at that early date an established custom there, and also that a certain possession in pews, with reversion to heirs, was recognised; and in Appendix II. to the above-named publication the learned editor adduces satisfactory proof of the existence of closed, and even locked, pews in some churches long before the date of the earliest Ludlow accounts. Still it would seem that it was not till after the Reformation that the system became general. The changed order of service was likely to promote it, people being required to take personal part in the whole of Morning and Evening Prayer, and not merely to be present at Mass said for them at the Altar; and especially having to sit patiently under sermons. It is significant that the places paid for are in the earlier period of the Ludlow book called 'kneeling places' instead of 'seats,' as at a later date.

The light thus thrown on the origin and progress of the system of appropriated pews is of peculiar interest at the present day, now that the principle of free and open churches is being so laudably contended for in many quarters. It seems undoubted that, by the common law, the naves of our parish churches are free to all parishioners, and that all have an equal right to accommodation there, subject, however, to the power of the churchwardens, as officers of the Ordinary, to assign them places. But, on the other hand, a sort of recognised property in pews appears to be of such old standing, and so confirmed in past times by the Courts Ecclesiastical, that it is not surprising that many of those who have had their own exclusively appropriated pews have been found slow to acquiesce in a return to the more ancient and better way.

Continual mention will be found in all these books of 'lairstalls,' for which the churchwardens received payment. The term is now obsolete. It occurs similarly in the above- Lairstalls

named Ludlow book under the form of 'leystalle' or 'lay-stalle;' and the editor of that book seems to have been ignorant of its meaning, conjecturing that it had some relation to a pew. It is now ascertained, and is evident from the books before us, that it meant a grave within a church, the stone laid over such grave being called a 'lairstone.' The word appears to have gone out of use at Ludlow after the year 1543, the terms 'pitt,' or 'grave' being afterwards used. But its use continued in our northern parishes, certainly into the last century; and it is somewhat curious that, though intramural interments long continued, the old word should be now so entirely unknown. Remarkable is the large number of such interments formerly. It is not easy to understand how room could be found for so many in successive years; and they must have involved continual disturbance of the floor of the church and of the pews. They would be likely also to cause an offensive odour, especially as the discovery of bones under the floors of many churches has shown that the graves were often far from deep. It would be to guard against the nuisance thus arising that at Houghton in 1657 the sexton was required to make graves within the church a yard and a half in depth at least; and to the same cause might be partly due the continuance of the use of frankincense, of which there is the most frequent mention in the St. Nicholas book, as being purchased especially, though not only, when the Bishop visited the church. With regard to the continued use of frankincense, it may be here observed that it was not confined to churches. Houses also were fumigated with incense. But in churches especially, with whatever intention, incense appears to have been in general use during the seventeenth century. For George Herbert, who died A.D. 1632, in his 'Priest to the Temple' (ch. xiii.), admonishes the country parson to perfume the church with incense at great festivals, and the Ritual Committee of the Lower House of Convocation, February 9, 1866, found that 'the burning of incense in a standing vessel had been practised since the Reformation in some churches and chapels, cathedral, collegiate,

royal, episcopal, and parochial,' and that 'instances may be found down to the middle of the last century.' There is no evidence, nor is it probable, that it was used ritually as an adjunct of the service. But it is possible that it was still regarded as an expressive symbol, as well as serving for the purpose of fumigation. The last mention of it in the book of St. Nicholas is in the year 1683, 'at the Lord Bishop's comeing to church.' In the country parish of Pittington, it does not appear that this luxury was indulged in; but on one occasion (A.D. 1589) we find there junipers taken to the church, presumably for a similar purpose of fumigation. Juniper, as well as incense, will be seen to have been used in this way in the parish of St. Nicholas. See years 1667 and 1676.

The following, from Ben Jonson's 'Every Man out of his Humour,' illustrates the use of juniper as well as frankincense for fumigation, proving also what has been said above as to such fumigation not being confined to churches.

DELIRO [*in preface*]: A fellow sincerely besotted on his owne wife. He doth sacrifice two-pence in juniper to her every morning before she rises.

ACT II. Sc. 4.

FIDO [*with more perfumes and herbs*]: Where will you have 'hem burn, sir?

DELIRO: Here, good Fido.

MACILENTE: What meanes this, Signor Deliro, all this censing?

DELIRO: Cast in more frankincense, yet more, well said:
She late hath found much fault with every room
Within my house . . .
Then here she hath a place (on my back side)
Wherein she loves to walke; and that (shee said)
Had some ill smels about it. Now this walke
Have I (before shee knowes it) thus perfumed
With herbes and flowers, . . .
To keepe the aire in awe of her sweet nostrils.

At Houghton (A.D. 1636) we find pitch and tar used for 'smoking the church,' p. 302, and at Ripon Minster rosin appears to have sometimes served the purpose of incense. See 'Memorials of Ripon,' Surt. Soc. Public., vol. lxxxi. pp. 209, 216, 222.

Further interesting in these records will be found their Discipline

continual references to the discipline exercised by the Spiritual Courts under Elizabeth and the Stuart kings; as also to the action of the Justices at certain periods when the penal laws against recusancy are otherwise known to have been rigidly enforced. In illustration of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction, as it bore upon our parishes, extracts from the Act books of the Courts are given in an appendix.

Communions

Interesting also is the evidence afforded of the frequency of Communions in former times. From the beginning of the books till after the Restoration there seem to have been seldom more than four Communion occasions during the year in any of the parishes, one of which was always at Christmas (though not necessarily on Christmas Day), and another, of course, at Easter. This last is called at St. Oswald's 'the great and general Communion.' There were often several celebrations at this season, beginning sometimes on Palm Sunday, and continued during the Holy Week and after Easter Day. Bishop Barnes, in his Injunctions, A.D. 1577, ordered monthly Communions in all parishes; but the order seems to have been a dead letter, for it was not till after the Restoration, and then at Houghton only, that we find in these books any mention of monthly Communions. The view of the sacrament being a continual Eucharist, as well as a Communion, seems to have been comparatively lost sight of under the reaction against the 'Romish' doctrine of 'sacrifices of Masses,' till its revival by the Caroline divines. To be noted also is the way in which all parishioners were compelled to Communicate once a year at least through the action of the Courts. Such long-continued and vexatious compulsion may, perhaps, account in some measure for the neglect of Communions by the church-going population generally in more recent times, after discipline had ceased; for people would be likely to have a distaste for the ordinance to which they had been driven against their will, and often on political rather than religious grounds. Nor can we wonder at the bad odour into which the Spiritual Courts generally fell, when we perceive from these books, and from the appended

Acts of Court, how harassing they must have been to parishes, with their constant citations, at the instance often of interested apparitors, their protracted proceedings, their continual injunctions of penance, and their exaction of fees. Readers of Chaucer's 'Canterbury Tales' will not need to be reminded that the procedure of the Spiritual Courts, long before the Reformation, which left it unchanged, had been a standing grievance among the people. They may remember the picture of the 'Sompnour,' and how it is said of him in the 'Frere's Tale':

> A sompnour is a renner up and down
> With maundements for fornicacioun,
> And is y-bete at every tounes end.

Among other points which may be of special interest to various readers may further be mentioned the allusions to political events and changes, and the evidences of the extent to which these affected parishes (the Houghton book being especially thus illustrative of the Commonwealth period); the possession by parishes of common armour; the provision for the poor; the current prices of commodities and of labour, and also words and phrases which are now obsolete, or linger only as provincialisms. Some of such words are explained in the notes, and others in the index of names and things appended at the end of the book for facility of reference to points of especial interest, though not intended as an exhaustive one. Political events, &c.

Further, some intimation of the state of general education in successive periods may possibly be found from observation of the proportion of persons able to write their own names to those who made marks only in the frequently recurring signatures to Acts of Vestry. With respect to such marks, it is evident from these books, if proof were needed, that the not uncommon notion of their representing usually the sign of the cross is erroneous. They are represented as crosses in this printed reproduction of the books, because of the difficulty of imitating their various forms. But in the originals, each person who could not write is found to have had his own peculiar mark,

seldom of a cross-like form, and often representing rudely the initials of his own name. One such mark will be found reproduced, as in the original manuscript, on page 213. It appears to be a rude imitation of W, the initial letter of the signer's name.

Eastern bishops

In the Pittington book (A.D. 1611) mention will be found of a 'bishop of Gerese' (probably meaning Greece) receiving a donation of 3*s.* 7*d.* from the churchwardens (see page 63 and note). Since the sheets were printed the editor has become aware that in the previous year a strange prelate, probably the same person, received relief also at Chester-le-Street, and another, or the same, afterwards in 1625. For in the vestry-book of that parish are the following entries: 'A.D. 1610. Given to collectors for reliefe of an archbishop, being a stranger.' 'A.D. 1625. Given to a strange bishopp that travailed throwe the countrie, 2*s.*' Further evidence of needy Eastern prelates having been in the country during the seventeenth century appears in the book of churchwardens' accounts at Allhallows, Barking, for 1629–1667, as follows: '1631, Dec. 7. Delivered to Mr Abbott (vicar) for a poor Greeke Archbishopp, 4*s.*'

'1634, Ap. 7. P^d^ Mr Abbott, which he gave Abraham, Patriarck of Achxidone, 6*s.* 8*d.*'

'1633, Dec. 8. Given Gregory Argenopulus, a Thessalonian, by consent of Mr Abbott, 2*s.*' ('N. and Q.,' 3rd S. iii. 230). Further, Bp. Cosin, of Durham, in a letter to Mr Stapylton, Feb. 3, 1662, refers to a begging letter from the Greek Archbishop of Laodicea, Anastatius Comnenus, and directs Stapylton to pay him a pension of 5*l.* at Michaelmas, and 5*l.* at Lady Day ('Corresp.' Surtees Soc. ii. 102). It would be interesting to discover what brought all these Eastern dignitaries in needy circumstances to England at the period referred to. Collier ('Eccles. Hist.') states that Charles I. had commissioned certain Turkey merchants to collect and bring to England any ecclesiastical books or manuscripts that they might be able to procure in the East. Possibly Eastern ecclesiastics may have been thus in the first place led to visit our country.

The editor, in conclusion, desires to express his obligation to the Rev. J. T. Fowler, librarian of the University of Durham, and editor of 'Memorials of Ripon' and other works in this series, for valuable assistance in the preparation of this work for the press. Some of the extracts from the Houghton book have been made and arranged by him; those from the second volume of that book (pp. 337-344) entirely so. He has also rendered important aid in deciphering some parts of the original MSS., explaining obscure words, and revising proofs.

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VESTRY BOOK

OF THE

PARISH OF PITTINGTON.

1584–1699.

INTRODUCTION.

THERE are some points of especial interest about this book, to which attention may be drawn. First, with regard to the book itself, how it has come to be preserved, and the purpose it has served.

It is a small volume bound in leather, 6 × 8 inches in size, containing the yearly parish accounts, acts and resolutions of the Vestry, inventories of church goods &c., from the year 1584 to 1699 inclusive. After the latter date there are no more parochial entries, the pages still unfilled having been used by the Rev. James Deason, who became Vicar in 1772, for statements about the benefice, and his own emoluments and disbursements connected therewith. Similar statements by a previous Vicar, the Rev. Arthur Shepherd (1730–1770), preserved in the book though not written on its pages, include the following reference to it:—'Extract from an old Parish Quarto-Book of Acc^ts^, having my seal on its back, viz.—" 1595 June 1. Memorandum that Mr Vicar is content that as long as he doth find Bread & Wine for the Communion receiving 2^d^ yearly of every House for the same he to give every year a Lamb to the use of the parish or the price of a Lamb as the common Sort pay when he letteth them their own *Tith Lambs.* Wm Murray Vicar." N.B. I purpose to lodge and leave the said Book, together with this and other Books & papers relating to the Living and parish upon the Cupboard Head in my The Book.

Study, for the use of my Successor; tho' I rec[d] nothing of this kind from any of my predecessors, but what is promiscuously, confusedly, and imperfectly interspers'd in a Little Bound-Book of family affairs, given me by M[r] Forster, my predecessor's brother in Law; and came an utter stranger to the parish and every person in or near it.' The 'old parish Quarto-Book of Acc[ts]' thus referred to is certainly the one before us, which has since been preserved in the Vicarage. It has a seal on its back, and contains the entry above cited. Where Shepherd had found it does not appear; but it is obvious why he was anxious to provide for its safe custody in the hands of succeeding Vicars. His motive appears from the extract he has made from it in proof of the Vicar's ancient right to the tithe of lambs, in which extract he has underlined 'Tith Lambs.' For in his time vicarial tithes had ceased to be paid: certain fixed payments, much below the proper value of the tithes, alleged to be an ancient and legal modus, were made instead. Shepherd probably felt that the Vicars were being cheated, and, though unable to assert his rights, was desirous that his successors should retain in their hands this evidence of tithes having once been paid. Vicar Deason after him was of the same mind. For among the memoranda which, as has been said, he has inserted in the later pages of the book we find as follows:—'It is clear to me by the Endowment that Hay Tythe, Wool & Lamb, Turnips, & all other Vicarial Tythes, belong & properly are due to the Vicar: but your two Esquires have always taken great Pains to cutt short & abridge the Vicar of his Right, I was obliged to sit down & suffer wrong, because I had no Fortune to have a Trial at Law, & I fear the Vicar will never receive his Dues, nor a fifth Part of them without. James Deason, April 5[th] 1808. See the Endowment from the Dean & Chapter's Books by M[r] Bowlby, & copyed by M[r] Harrison. All Tythes are there due to the Vicar, except the Corn Tythes.' It was reserved for Dr. James Miller, who became Vicar in 1822, to act on these hints, and attain success. After a protracted lawsuit, and at heavy cost to himself, he at length established the Vicar's claim to the full value of the Vicarial tithes; and this book was produced in court in support of his claim.

The Select Vestry.

The management of parochial affairs by a Select Vestry (consisting of 24, or, as in this parish, of 12 persons) is usual throughout the diocese of Durham. Thus there is nothing peculiar

in that of Pittington itself. But the fact is of importance, that we have here a distinct record of the beginning of the system in this parish in the year 1584, and the reason for adopting it.

Select Vestries, *i.e.* bodies of certain persons in a parish, appointed in some customary way, who oust the rest of the ratepayers from their ordinary right of voting in the parochial vestry, have been subjects of litigation in both spiritual and temporal courts: and the law has been laid down that no select vestry can oust other ratepayers who may choose to assert their rights, if it can be shown to have had its origin since the time of Richard I., which is accounted the limit of legal memory. Hence the 'twelve men' (*i.e.* the Select Vestry) of the parish of Pittington, who still represent the parish in the management of church affairs, themselves filling up the vacancies in their own body, are shown by the book before us to exercise their exclusive powers on sufferance only. For their first appointment A.D. 1584, for avoidance of 'molestation or troublinge of the common people,' is on record.

Though the plan of assigning permanent seats in church to individuals on payment of 4*d.* for entry was the same here as what is found elsewhere, yet it is interesting to observe the apparent beginning of the system in this particular parish, viz. in 1584, after the appointment of the 'twelve'; and also that the privilege was at first confined to *men*. And when, forty years afterwards, the principal *wives* of the parish obtained a like distinction, amusing is the difficulty that ensued. The custom, it appears, was to appoint this or that whole stall for the use of certain persons, as many as it would hold, but not to assign particular places for each therein. But one place or 'room' in a stall was held to be more honourable than another; and hence the ladies gave further trouble to the 'twelve' by contending for 'the highest rooms.' (See Orders of Vestry, A.D. 1625.) Pews.

There is no sign in this country parish, as far as the date to which our book extends, of family pews, in which both sexes of the same family sat together (unless Sir Henry Anderson's, built by him as early as 1584, was such a pew), or generally of the more advanced stage of the pew-system observable in the other parishes. But it doubtless came in later. For in a list of the pews made, A.D. 1808, with a view to an assessment of the seat-holders for the reparation of the church, I find 192 out of the whole 220 sittings in pews appropriated to indi-

viduals, who were called their proprietors. Only three pews, containing twenty-eight seats in all, were then available for the general population of the three townships of Pittington, Sherburn, and Shadforth.

The Church flock.

Peculiar to this parish among the four before us was the ancient way of raising the funds required for parochial purposes. They did not accrue, as in later times, from rates (except when, from time to time, there was a special 'cesment' for some special purpose), but from the profits of a flock of sheep, called 'the Church Shepe,' which were pastured freely on the several farms in the parish. It does not appear that this system originated in 1584, though in that year (when, after the appointment of the select Vestry, parochial arrangements generally seem to have been put into shape) the proportional liability of the farmers for the pasturage of the sheep was defined, viz. one sheep to be fed for every 4*l.* of rental. This system, interesting as suggestive of a simple pastoral community, continued for forty subsequent years; during which the churchwardens' accounts show the sums received in each year for sheep, lambs, and wool, and the disbursements for new purchases, together with frequent statements of the state of the flock on the several farms in the parish. These accounts of the flock are further interesting as showing the current prices at the time. In 1624, the Church flock, being then in a decayed state, was sold. It consisted at that time of six wethers, ten ewes, and five lambs, and realised, together with the wool, 6*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* Thenceforth the primitive plan, proving inadequate, was given up as obsolete, and the parishioners began to be regularly rated as in modern times.

Lairstalls.

There is nothing peculiar in this book with respect to lairstalls, unless it be worth notice that the entry, A.D. 1585, 'for layinge down a lairstall and mendinge *other stalls* in the church,' together with the fact that Jarret Swalwell, who was paid for this work appears otherwise employed as a joiner, suggests the idea of graves in church having been at that early date covered with wood. Such might be the case if, as is probable, the floor of the church had not so far been flagged, the bare earth being strewn with rushes.[1] It may be significant of a recent introduction of stone coverings that in

(1) Or, rather, in this country church, with straw only, though rushes were elsewhere usual in houses and churches. For see an entry in this book A.D. 1605: 'For two thrave of straw for the stalls.'

the year 1609, and till 1614, we find *lairstone* instead of *lairstall*, and that the Nicholas Younger who now lays them down is evidently a mason. It is noteworthy that in the same year, 1609, 'lairstone' instead of 'lairstall' is for the first time used also in the St. Oswald's book (though not afterwards continued), and also that the church appears to have been then recently for the first time flagged. All mention of lairstalls ceases in the Pittington book after the year 1623, though continued into the following century in the other books. There is, however, no reason to suppose a cessation of intramural interments, which appear to have been common till comparatively recent times. Interesting in connection with them (it may be here observed) is the inscription on the gravestone of Arthur Shepherd, Vicar of Pittington from 1730 to 1770, to whom we are indebted for the preservation of this our Vestry Book. He lies, as had been directed by himself, not in the church, but in the churchyard, opposite the porch, and seems to have prepared his own and his wife's epitaph, which is as follows:—

> Anna, uxor Arthuri Shepherd Vicarii de Pittington, hic suam deposuit sarcinam A.D. MDCCXXXII. Hic et ille suam A.D. MDCCLXX.
>
> Hic inquam, ut nemini nocerent mortui qui nemini nocuerunt vivi.

He thus appears to have been enlightened beyond his age to perceive the noxious effects of intramural interments.

Attention may here be drawn to the allusions, found in this book only, to the 'General Chapters' and 'Synods' instituted by Bishop Barnes, A.D. 1577, but which seem to have ceased after his death. Some account of them will be given in the notes. **Discipline and Communions.**

As to Communions, they were in the main celebrated as was usual in the other parishes; never monthly, as Bishop Barnes had enjoined. But there seems some reason to conclude that for some years before 1587 there had been none at all at Pittington. For in that year we find, for the first time, entries of disbursements for bread and wine, and for 'a botell to bring home the wyne in'; and there are immediately celebrations on two successive Sundays in July, and afterwards at Christmas, Epiphany, and Easter. This was after a visitation held by Bishop Barnes on the 13th of June; and thus it seems not unlikely that he, having found Communions neglected, had required a remedy without delay. For the first time also, in

the above year we find money received from the parishioners (11*s.* 2*d.*) towards the cost of the elements; and, in the December of the same year, for the first time, presentments of the non-communicants. Again in the years 1590-1, 1591-2, there is no mention of any bread and wine being purchased, or of money collected for it; but in 1592-3, there are as many as six Communions; and this was after the churchwardens had been five times summoned before Mr. Prentice, the official's deputy, in the preceding year. Hence it may have been that Communions had again been neglected, and only resumed under pressure from the Spiritual Court, which required all parishioners to communicate, and to have the opportunity of doing so. Such neglect on the part of the parish was not improbable. It appears from Visitation articles of other bishops that there was difficulty for some time after the Reformation in securing in many parishes an opportunity for all to communicate once in the year at least. This difficulty might arise from two causes: first, that (as was especially the case in the North) the country population in many parts had no great relish for the reformed order in religion; and, secondly, that they objected to the burden laid upon them for the cost of wine. With regard to the first of these two causes, Sir Ralph Sadler states in 1569, speaking of these northern parts, that 'there be not in all this countrey ten gentilmen that do favour and allowe of her majestie's proceedings in the cause of religion'; and he describes the common people as ignorant, superstitious, and blinded with the olde popish doctrine. (Sir Cuthbert Sharpe's 'Memorials of the Rebellion,' p. x.) Further, in the Rising of the North (A.D. 1569—not long before the date of the beginning of our book), Pittington, among other parishes, had been seriously implicated. A stone altar and a 'hallywater stoon' had been set up in the church, by order, it was alleged, of the churchwardens, one of whom confessed to having followed the Procession of the Cross and been present at Mass when it was sung in the Cathedral at Durham; and among the eighty persons said to have been hanged at Durham afterwards for example's sake (a certain proportion being selected from every parish from the many implicated), one was from the parish of Pittington. (See 'Depositions and Ecclesiastical Proceedings.' *Surtees Soc. Publications*, A.D. 1845, p. 175.)

Of the difficulty in providing Communions owing to the cost of the elements there are, in this country parish of Pit-

tington, numerous signs. When in 1587 (as has been seen) wine had to be got, and in the following year also, the money specially collected for this purpose came considerably short of the cost; and in 1589 there is no entry of anything being received. From a memorandum in 1590 it appears that, every householder having been expected to pay 2*d.*, the cottagers had refused to pay. Then, after the apparent cessation of Communions in this and the following year, which has been already noticed, the receipts for bread and wine in 1592 and afterwards are still found short of the cost; and in 1594 again no receipts at all are entered. In 1595 the new Vicar, William Murray, came to the rescue by undertaking to provide the elements himself, hoping, it would seem, to receive into his own hands the annual twopences from the householders, and promising to give annually to the parish flock a lamb every year into the bargain. But the plan seems to have failed: for in 1625, under his successor, Richard Thursby, there is a new order requiring every communicant to pay 1*d.* for bread and wine annually to the churchwardens. Still the accounts show annual deficiency, till in 1640 only 3*s.* 6*d.* appears to have been paid. At length, when the system of compulsory rates for all necessary purposes had come in, Communions were thus provided for among other church expenses.

There will be found in this book no lack of interesting allusion to historical events and political changes; and especially during the Parliamentary war. It is, however, remarkable how little the ordinary routine of the parish shows signs of having been affected by the Commonwealth. The Vicar, George Shaw, retained his living undisturbed; and, except for the cessation of ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and a more careless keeping of the accounts, there is nothing, either in this book or in the Parish Register, to mark any change of church order and worship. In the neighbouring parish of Houghton the case was different.

THE NAMES OF SUCH AS HAVE GIVEN MONEY TO THE STOCKE OF THE POORE OF PITTINGTON PARISH, AND TO OTHER PIOUS AND CHARITABLE USES.[1]

Willyam Oard, 2*l.*; Robart Smith, 1*l.*, March 10th, 1619. Sr Henry Anderson, 2*l.*, 1622. Anthony Hunter, 10*l.*, August 10th, 1623. Richard Matthew, 10*s.*, March 27th, 1625. George Rawlin, 2*l.*, January 14th, 1627. Willyam Shadforth, 1*l.*, October 26th, 1632. Raiph Simson Gent. 10*l.*, May 2nd, 1632. John Swallwell, 10*s.*, Apr. 23rd, 1633. Mr. Willyam Thursbye, 3*l.*, Apr. 23rd, 1633. Raph Young of Sunderland by the brige bequeathed to the parish of Pettingtone, and payed to the said parish by his executors, April 19, Anno Domini 1626, 10*l.* William Hall of Shadforth, 2*l.*, May 2nd, 1640. Mr. Henrie Sympson, 3*l.*, May 15th, 1648. Nicholas Smith, 1*l.*, May 15th, 1648. Sr Alexander Hall, 5*l.*, Aug. 13th, 1649. Symond Lackenby of Shadfoorth, 2*l.*, May 28th, 1652. Raiph Hall of Shadfoorth, 4*l.*, Sept. 26, 1653. Robart Bellamy, May 12th, 2*l.*, 1659.

(1) 'The Stock of the Poor' was a fund arising from various bequests dating from the beginning of the seventeenth century. Notices of many of them will be found in the accounts of the years when they were made. There were others after those included in this list: viz. A.D. 1687, Mrs. Dorothy Shaw, 5*l.*; A.D. 1698, Mr. George Johnson of Sherburn, 2*l.*; A.D. 1700, William Swalwell, 3*l.* At first the capital was held by the churchwardens, and by them lent in various sums to certain people, Mr. Ord, the first benefactor, having directed his own bequest to be so dealt with. In 1628 it was handed over to the overseers for the poor, who were required not to lend it except on good and sufficient bond, and to exact repayment of the sums lent annually in the chancel of the church on Easter Tuesday. It is not mentioned again till 1687, when two 'Trustees for the poor' were for the first time appointed for holding and administering it, its amount being then stated as 79*l.* The last allusion to it is in 1693, when William Shaw and Thomas Swalwell receive from Edward Shipperdson and Michell Ingram, the trustees of the preceding year, 42*l.* in money and a bond for 32*l.* What was done with it in the years that followed we have no means of knowing; but there can be no doubt that it constituted what is now known as 'The Charity of a Donor unknown,' of which the following account is given in the Minute Book of the present Trustees: 'It appears by the Gilbert Returns of Charities, made in the year 1786, that the above

Fund was then (but for how many years prior is not known) in the hands of Ralph Shipperdson of Hallgarth in the County of Durham, Esquire, in whose family it has remained until 1861, when the original sum, amounting with arrears to 59*l.* 10*s.*, pursuant to an order of the County Court of Durham, made on December 17, 1860, was paid over by Edmund H. Shipperdson of Hermitage in the County of Durham, Clerk, to the Banking Account of the Official Trustees of Charitable Funds in the Bank of England, when the Charity Commissioners for England appointed the following parties Trustees for the distribution of the annual Interest and Dividends arising from the said Trust Fund of 59*l.* 10*s.*; viz. Edmund Hector Shipperdson, Clerk; Henry J. Baker Baker, Esq.; and the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being of Pittington.' It may be presumed that, one of the Shipperdsons of Hallgarth in this parish having been a trustee of the 'Stock of the Poor' at some date subsequent to 1693, it had been retained in the hands of the family without any account of it being required by the parish, and that its origin had thereupon passed into oblivion, part of the original capital (which was 79*l.* in 1687 and 74*l.* in 1693) having meanwhile disappeared through maladministration or neglect. The editor of these old records feels joy in bringing again to light the names of the benefactors now at rest.

Among them may here be noted: (*a*) Sir Henry Anderson. He was the owner of Little Haswell and Haswell Grange, to which was attached Elemore Hall in the parish of Pittington, and also lessee under the Dean and Chapter of the manor of Hallgarth, which had been the *Manerium*, usually held in the hands of the Lord Prior before the dissolution as the desmesne of the convent. His interest in Hallgarth arose from the marriage of his father, Henry Anderson, sometime of Newcastle, to Isabella daughter of Christopher Morland, the previous lessee.

(*b*) Ralph Simson. He was the lessee of Hallgarth (1626) after Sir Henry Anderson, who left the parish, going to reside at Long Cowton in Yorkshire, where he bought Cowton Grange.

(*c*) Mr. William Thursbye. A person of this name, probably the same, appears as one of 'the twelve' in 1618 and 1629, and signs resolutions of the Vestry in 1622. A Thomas Thursby is one of the twelve in 1633, and churchwarden in 1635. A Richard Thursby became Vicar of the parish in 1621. The family thus appears to have been resident in the parish, probably at Ludworth. For early in the seventeenth century we find a Thursby, with others, left in trust by Richard Belasyse, who owned the manor of Ludworth in the parish of Pittington, for the benefit of his nephews. One of these nephews, William (afterwards Sir William) Belasyse, who lived till 1641, was High Sheriff for several years under three bishops. It might be through his interest that Richard Thursby obtained the living.

(*d*) Mr. Henrie Sympson. Probably the successor of Ralph Simpson aforesaid as lessee of Hallgarth. The Dean and Chapter devised the manor, A.D. 1642, to trustees in trust for Henry Simpson.

(*e*) Sir Alexander Hall. He was the owner of Little Haswell, Haswell Grange, and Elemore. Sir Henry Anderson aforesaid, having left the parish, sold the estate A.D. 1631, to William Hall, Merchant and Alderman of Newcastle, for 4,600*l.* Sir Alexander was his son and heir. The latter died A.D. 1641, and his only son, Alexander, before 1648, in childhood. It

thus appears that Sir Alexander's bequest to the 'Stock of the poor' did not take effect till after the death of the child, being received in 1649.

(*f*) Symond Lackenby. See note (1), p. 14. Among the remaining benefactors, the Rawlins and Shadforths of Sherburn, the Halls of Shadforth, and the Swalwells, appear often in the parish accounts as vestrymen or churchwardens, having been families of yeomen of old standing in the parish. Mrs. Dorothy Shaw, who left 5*l.* in 1687, may have been the relict of George Shaw, who became Vicar in 1631, and retained the living during the Commonwealth.

Surtees (*Hist. of Durham,* under *Pittington*) is the authority for the above notices of the families referred to.

First registers, 1538, appointed. (*This in a later hand.*)

JESUS.

ANNO 1584. MAII XXVIII.

THIS BOOKE BEINGE THE BOOKE OF ACCOMPTES AND RECKNINGS OF THIS PARRISHE OF PITTINGTON WHERIN IS CONTEINED ALL THINGES NECESSARIE FOR THE SAME ACCORDINGE TO THE QUENE'S MAJESTE'S INJUNCTIONS AND MY LORDE'S MONITIONS.[1]

Item implements belonginge to this churche at this present as hearafter followethe, whiche are yearlye to be delivered to the custodye and charge of the churchwardens at their election.

Implements.[2]—In primis a silver cuppe with a coveringe.

(1) 'Certeyne Monicions and Injunctions given by us Richarde, by Godds divine providence Busshop of Duresme [Bp. Barnes], to the Clergie and Churchwardens within our Dioces, and to everie of theim, respectivelie, in our Sinode by us celebrated & holden at Duresme, in the Gallelee within our Cathedrall churche ther, on Tewesdaie the first daie of October 1577, and the first yeare of our translacion to the sea of Duresme afforesaid.' (See *Ecclesiastical Proceedings of Bp. Barnes*, Surtees Soc. Publ. 1850, pp. 11-28). Copies of these Monitions were to be supplied to all the clergy at the cost of the several parishes. The Churchwardëns are therein monished and enjoined to give up and make a full and perfect account of their receipts and expenses about the church's affairs the last year by them laid out, and make full payment to the hands of the new-sworn Churchwardens of all sums of money remaining in their hands or charge, and full delivery of all church goods, books, and other implements and furnitures, which do appertain to their church to the said new Churchwardens, 'which accompte, payment, and delyvery we commaunde to be registred in the Register booke.' It was in obedience to these Monitions of Bishop Barnes (who seems, from the time of his accession to the see, to have been zealous in putting the diocese into order) that this 'Booke of Accomptes and Recknings' of Pittington parish was provided, and full and careful entries for many subsequent years made therein. 'The Quenes Majeste's Injunctions,' also referred to, were those of Queen Elizabeth, A.D. 1559. See Sparrow's *Collection*, p. 65; Cardwell's *Documentary Annals*, i. 178.

(2) The Monitions of Bishop Barnes include a list of 'the furnitures, implements, & bookes, requisite to be had in every churche, and so commanded by publique authoritie.' With this list that at Pittington in the main corresponds. Both include a 'Psalter' and a 'Communion Booke,' specified as separate volumes. In both the book called 'the Postills,' or 'Heming's Postill,' is mentioned, the requirement of which in parishes appears to have been peculiar to the Diocese of Durham. (With respect to it, see *Ecclesiastical*

Item one plate of tynne and a clothe for the same. Item one newe Byble and one oulde. Item one Psalter and twoe Communion bookes. Item the Paraphrases of Erasmus. Item the Appoligie of M[r] Jewell. Item the Quene's Majeste's Injunctions. Item twoe bookes of Homiles. Item this countinge booke and an other, elder. Item one Regester booke of Christenings, wedings, and burials. Item Heming's Postill. Item iij lininge table clothes and one bucrum table clothe. Item one spade, one shule, and one hacke. Item twoe surplises, one newe and one olde.

Item it is agreed by the consent of the whole parishe to electe and chuse out of the same xij men to order and define all common causes pertaininge to the churche, as shall apper-

Proceedings of Bp. Barnes, p. 25, note i.) It may be observed that the Monitions require Jewell's 'Defence of the Apology,' which was a treatise issued subsequently to the 'Apology' itself, but that the parish in 1584 seems only to have possessed the 'Apology.' The latter was published by command of the Queen, and ordered to be set up in churches, A.D. 1562. There is no evidence of the parish of Pittington having procured the 'Defence' in obedience to the Monitions of Bp. Barnes. But for later demands upon it to purchase other apologetic works of Jewell, see entry A.D. 1613. With respect to the church plate, it is observable that the Monitions make no mention of a Paten; only of 'A Communion Cuppe of silver with a Cover.' The apparent omission is explained by the fact that the cover of the cup often served the purpose of, and was in fact, the Paten both before and after the Reformation. (See Scudamore's *Notitia Eucharistica*, p. 490.) At Pittington it appears that, in addition to such 'coveringe' of the 'Silver Cuppe,' a 'plate of tynne' had been procured, perhaps because the 'coveringe' was insufficient for the quantity of bread required. But in 1615 and 1619, in which years lists of 'Implements' recur, we find (instead of 'a plate of tynne and a clothe for y[e] same,' as in 1584) only 'A lininge cloth for the breade, and in the later of the two years, 'two napkins.' The inference seems to be that, the plate of tin having disappeared, the bread intended for consecration was placed upon a cloth or napkin. Cf. Rubric in the Office of 1549: 'laying the bread upon the corporas or else in the paten.' The 'Silver Cuppe,' being of the Elizabethan period, still remains, but not the 'coveringe.' This cup was perhaps made of the silver of the old chalice. In the 'Inventory of Church goods &c. within the Countie of the Byshopricke of Duresme,' made by the King's Commissioners, 7 Edw. VI., the church plate at Pittington is described as 'One Challice with a Patten, viii unces.' (*Proceedings of Bp. Barnes*, Appendix v. p. lvi.) Cf. 'Elton. The Office of the Judge against Richard Morye. He had deliverid unto him a challice that belongeth to the Church of Elton, to deface or make a chaunge of for a Communion cupe' (*Ib.* p. 128.) The Register Book of this list is no longer extant. The oldest we have was procured A.D. 1598 (see that year): but the entries of the former book, including the year 1574, have been copied into it.

taine to the profit & commoditie of the same, without molestation or troublinge of the rest of the comon people (whose names hearafter folowethe).

[N.B.—The names placed in brackets have been erased in the MS., and those printed in italics have been added in a later hand. So throughout the book.]

[Nicolas Cockson], *Anthonie Cockson*, John Swalwell, [*George Barras*], Richarde Wrangham, William Pearson, *William Shaudforth*, [Rauf Tayler], [Christofor Dixon], Herrye Cooke, William Stodarte, [Christofor Pearson], *James Smith*, [Nicolas Hall], *Gilbert Browne*, Richarde Swalwell, Rauf Hall, [*Christofor May*], [Robert Meborne], William Ourde.

Item it is agreed by us the foresaid xij men, for the better hearinge of divine servis, that everie house holder, as well gentle men as also husbandmen and cote men, shall taike suche place as is appointed for them, hearafter followinge, payinge for the same, for so manye roumes [1] as everie man shall have, iiij^{d} a roume att everie first entrye.

In primis the foresaid xij men have appointed for Ludworthe the first stall on the southe side of the quere doore of twoe roumes.

Item for the maner of Pittington the first stall on the northe side of the quere doore, of fower roumes, which said stall Maister Anderson [2] haithe builded of his owne proper charges.

Item for Maister Anderson's twoe tenements in Pittington, and the twoe half farmholdes, the shorte stall at the vesterye doore joyninge upon the end of the [*stall?*] next above writne.

Item for Nicolas Cockson, George Barras, and George Hall, the seconde stall on the southe side of the quere doore.

Item for William Stoddarte, John Rawlinge, Wedowe Tayler's farmeholde, and Raiphe Tayler, the first of the fower shorte stalles on the suthe side of the quere doore.

Item for Herrie Cooke, William Shaudforthe, and Gilberte Dixon,[3] the second shorte stall on the south side of the quere

(1) 'A room' means a single sitting in a bench or pew, the whole bench or pew being called 'a stall' (cf. Matth. xxiii. 6; Mark xii. 39; Luke xiv. 7; xx. 46.) So also, but not invariably, in the other books. Often 'stall' is used in the sense of 'room.'

(2) Maister Anderson was the Lessee of the manor of Hallgarth.

(3) A Gilbert Dixon (described as a husbandman of Sherburn, aged 40) was among the 'examinates' from Pittington, accused in 1569 of having

doore, *which said stall was newely repaired by William Hall and Simon Lackenby,*[1] *and was appointed to him by the* 12 *of the parishe, April* 11, 1626.

Item for Cunan Bras, Richarde Dobson, Thomas Dobson, and Christofor Whitfelde, the third shorte stall on the southe side of the quere doore. *Which stall was repaired by these* 5, 1625 *:*

taken part in setting up the altar and 'halliwater stoon' in the church at the time of the Rebellion of the Earls, but pleaded that he had acted under the order of the Churchwardens. (See *Introduction.*) If this was the same person, he had taken warning and become a good conforming parishioner. For he has not only his seat assigned him, but appears also as Churchwarden this same year. Another of the examinates of 1569 was a William Rawling of Sherburn, apparently then Churchwarden; and it will be observed that a John Rawlinge, no doubt one of the same family, has now a seat assigned him. William, who seems to have most seriously implicated in the proceedings of 1569, may possibly have been the person from Pittington who was hanged. The Rawlings of Sherburn were a family of old standing there, holding leases of land for successive generations. (See Surtees, *Hist. of Durham,* vol. i. p. 126.) Their names will appear afterwards in this book. One of them, a George Rawling, was in 1627 a benefactor to the 'Stock of the Poor.'

(1) The Lackenbys of Shadforth had a considerable lease for several descents within the Bishop's Manor of Easington. (See Surtees, p. 125.) This Simon appears as Churchwarden in 1624, as Overseer in 1625, and as one of the 12 in 1633 and 1634. He also left 2*l.* to the 'Stock of the Poor.' He is memorable beyond the limits of the parish as the father of John Lackenby, of whom the following account is given in Wood's *Athenæ Oxonienses*: 'John Lackenby of Magd. Coll., B.A. 1643, was the son of Simon Lackenby of Shadford in the County Palatine of Durham; did afterwards retire to St. Edmund's Hall, and lived there a close student till the garrison of Oxford was surrendered anno 1646, at which time, perceiving the English Church tottering, he went beyond the sea, changed his religion, and was entered into the English College at Doway. After some time spent there he returned to England, became usher to James Shirley, when he taught in the White Fryers at London in the time of Oliver, but, being seized, and imprisoned for some time, was at length released, and died in London in a mean condition. He was accounted famous among those of his opinion for the Greek and Latin tongues, and for Ecclesiastical History' (*Athen. Oxon.* Edit. 1691. ii. 716.) His name appears thus in the list of Non-foundationers matriculated at Magdalen College, Oxford, A.D. 1639: 'John Lackenby, s. of Simon Lackenby, *pleb.*' He is thus noticed in the Doway Diaries: in the Index, 'Lackenby (*alias* Hawley) John.' In the list of those who took the Missionary oath from A.D. 1627 to A.D. 1653, p. 46: '1649. Johannes Lackenby, hic Hawley, Dunelm. Dioces. 29 Decem. 1649.' In 'Subscriptiones eorum qui juramentum Professionis fidei præstiterunt anno 1644, unaque juramentum præstandum ab admittendis ad convictum,' p. 80: 'Joannes Lackenby (*alias* Hawley) episcopatus Dunelmensis incola. Julii 24, 1649.' The above entries have been furnished to me by the Rev. Dr. Bloxam, the learned editor of *Fasti Magdalenenses.*

John Whitfeild, William Nicholson, Mich. Pattison, William Hall, one for Sr Hen. Anderson's cottage—1625.

Item for the rest of the cotigers in Shearborne the last shorte stall on the south side of the quere doore: *This stall was repaired the same yeare, and those whose names are underwritten must sitt in it*

Marmaduke Greene:

Item for the eighte husbands in Shaudforth the longe stall on the northe side of the quere dore.

Item for George Tayler, James Huntlye, John Wilkinson, and Jarrat Swalwell, the shorte stall on the north side of the quere doore.

Item for William Pearson one stall next beneath the pulpit.

Item for Henirie Wrangham, Robert Dixon, and Thomas Hall, the next stall unto it.

Item for John Swalwell, Richarde Wrangham, and Christofor Manne, the stall behinde the uppermost piller on the north side of the church.

Item for John Taler and Robart Smith the west end of the newe stall of the north side.

Item the first stall on the south side of the chourch belongeth unto Robert Dixon, and the second unto William Pearson, the thred unto John Younger, the fourth unto Edward Crookes.

Item the long stall on the north side of the quear dore belongeth unto Simond Lackenby 2 seats, William Hall, William Edrington, Richard Erington, William Swalwill, Phillop Haddock, William Huntley.

Item yt is also agreed and set downe by the foresaid xij men that everie iiij pounde rent within this parrishe as well of hamlets as townshipps shall gras winter and somer one shepe, for the behoufe of this churche.[1]

ANNO 1584. MAII XXVIII.

Item churchwardens elected and chosen by the foresaid xij men, to serve for this yeare,

Gilberte Dixon and William Ourde.

Receites.—In primis, receaved by the foresaid churchwardens in monye of the oulde churchwardens, Jarrat Robinson and Herrie Wright, xvj s. v d. Item receaved in woule a stone and

(1) On the Church Flock see *Introduction.*

iij pounde, per centum vij s. Item receaved by Gilbert Dixon for a lame the xiiij of June, ij s. vj d. Item rec. by Gilbert Dixon for a lame the xiiij of June, ij s. vj d. Item rec. by Gilbert Dixon for a lame skinne the xij day of December, vij d. Item rec. by William Ourd the xxiiij day of Januarie for a yowe sold by him, fower shillings save a pennye. Item rec. by Will. Ourde for a weather solde by him the xj day of Fabruarie, vj s. iiij d. Item rec. by Gilb. Dixon for a hogge skinne, vij d.[1] Item rec. by Gilb. Dixon for a lame skinne, iij d. Item rec. a cesment for mending the leades, xiij s. vj d. Item rec. of Richarde Wrangham for his father's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. *Summa*, liiij s. x d.

1584. *Expences.*—In primis laid forth by the foresaid churchwardens, Gilberte Dixon and William Ourde, the xxv day of June at my Lord's visitation to the lawyers and for our expences, iij s. iiij d. Item laid forthe by the foresaid churchwardens for v lams the xx day of June, vij s. vj d. Item for our charges the same day, vj d. Item given for this countinge booke, viij d. Item laid forthe by the said churchwardens, the xxvij day of June for fower lams, vj s. ijd. Item given for our drinke the same day, ij d. Item given for mendinge a gappe in the churchyard wall which belongs to Maister Levers,[2] ij d. Item laid forthe the vij day of October at the sinod[3] to the Register and the Somner, x d. Item for our charges the same day, viij d. Item given for our charges the x day of December, when we and the Constables wer called before the Justises, iij d. Item laid forth the xiiij day of Januarie when we wer

(1) In margin, *mem. for woul.*

(2) Ralph Lever, who succeeded his brother, Thomas Lever, as Master of Sherburn Hospital A.D. 1577, and died A.D. 1585. With his brother he had been an exile in Switzerland, and is described as 'a troublesome nonconformist, and very disobedient to his patron [*i.e.* the Bishop] in trifles and frivolous matters.' (See *Collections relating to Sherburn Hospital*, published A.D. 1771.) His liability for keeping a part of the churchyard wall in repair was in respect of the farm of Byersgarth, which forms part of the endowment of the hospital. For further allusions to this liability, and disputes concerning it, see years 1585, 1586, 1595, and 1597.

(3) Bishop Barnes, in his Monitions above referred to, ordained that 'yerelie there shalbe two Generall Synodes, celebrated and holden at Durisme in the Galele there, the one on the Tuesdaie next followinge the first Sondaie after Easter, and the other on the first Tuesdaie after the Feast of S[t] Michaell the Archangell yerely.' They were presided over by the Spiritual Chancellor or his deputy, but were distinct from, and in addition to, the 'General Chapters,' also held by the Chancellor; as to which see note below. A record of the proceedings at a synod is given in Appendix A, from a book entitled *Liber Sinodalium* (1577–1586), preserved in the Diocesan Registry.

at Saint Uswold's at the courte[1] to the lawyers and for our charges, xvj d. Item laid forth by William Ourde for a yowe which he bought at the feast of Saint Michaell, iij s. iiij d. Item laid forthe the iiij day of Fabruarye, when we wer at the generall chapter[2] to the lawyers, x d. Item for our charges the same day, xij d. Item given for our charges when we and the constables wer called to the quarter sessions concernynge servants' wages, and other such lyke busines, iiij d. Item given to the warrander for killinge of twoe foxes, xij d. Item given for a bell stringe the xvij of Fabruarie, xx d. Item given to Thomas Horneby for a sacke of coles to serve the plumer, ij d. Item given to the plumer for mendinge the leades, xiij s. iiij d. Item for drinke when the plumer had ended his worke, iiij d. Item given to William Ourde and

(1) The Court of the Official of the Dean and Chapter, held usually at Easter and Michaelmas every year. These courts of visitation had still to be attended in addition to the Synods and Chapters.

(2) Bishop Barnes, in his Monitions, had appointed two 'General Chapters to be held by his Chancellor or Vicar Generall at some convenient church within every Warde and Deanery, in the months of January and July every year.' These were distinct (as has been said) from the Synods in the Galilee above referred to. This year one only was held for each of the various Deaneries (in January and February 1584), the Bishop himself having held his visitation in June. It appears from the *Liber Sinodalium* above referred to that the Chapters were this year held by Dr. Clement Colemore, who became Chancellor A.D. 1582, at Corbridge (January 25), then at Morpeth, Alnwick, Bamborough, Newcastle, Bishop Auckland, and on February 4 at the Church of St. Nicholas in Durham for the Deaneries of Chester and Easington. The parish of Pittington is thus noticed:—'Pittington: Robertus Murrow, Vicarius; Gilbert Dixon, Willm̄ Hourd, *jurati*, 10d.' The proceedings at a General Chapter were thus laid down in the 'Monitions':—A sermon—the hymn 'Come Holy Ghost'—prayers for the Queen, the Church, the realm, the progress of religion, and for the afflicted and persecuted members of the Church—reading of the Queen's Injunctions and the Bishop's Monitions—presentments by churchwardens—examination of the clergy as to their progress in learning, their lives and conversations, and hearing of their *tasks* (called also *taxes*) which had been enjoined them. Finally, absentees were declared contumacious, and excommunicated. The *tasks* were such as are appointed in Queen Elizabeth's Articles of 1564: 'At the Archdeacon's Visitation the Archdeacon shall appoint the Curate to certain taxes of the New Testament to be conned without book; and at their next synod to exact a rehearsal of them.' No such *tax* appears from the *Liber Sinodalium* as having been enjoined at the Chapters since July 1578; but in 1586 we find, 'Epistolam Sancti Judæ juniores clerici memoriter discant erga proximam synodum.'

'Capitulum Generale' was the name anciently applied to the Visitations of the Prior and Convent in the exercise of their archidiaconal jurisdiction. See *Depositions and Ecclesiastical Proceedings*, Surtees Soc., A.D. 1845.

Gilbert Dixon for waitinge of the plumer fower dayes when he was mendinge the leades, xvj d. Item given to John Scote for makinge twoe wheles to the twoe litle bells, iij s. vj d. Item given to James Huntlye for makinge kotrells, houpes, bolts, and nales, to the bells, vij d. Item given for drinke when John Scot maid the wheles to the belles, vj d. Item given for washinge the church clothes and mendinge the table cloth and one of the sirpeclothes, vj d. Item given for mendinge the churchyard wall whiche belongs to Byers garthe, j d. Item given for besomes, j d. Item given for paper, j d. Item given for layinge downe of a lairstall, ij d. Item given for wrytinge our busines all this yeare last past, xij d. Item given to Gilbert Dixon for doinge all things necessarie about the churche, xij d. xl (s.) xij s. iiij d.

Anno 1584. Junii xxix.

Shepe belonginge to this parishe this present yeare.

In primis, at the Hall garthe twoe yowes and thre lams. Item at South Pittington a yowe and a lame. Item at Ludworthe a yowe and iij lames. Item at Shaudforthe a weather, a yowe, a dinmont, and ij lams. Item at Shearborne a din mont, a gimer, and thre lams. Item at Hetton of the hill a yow and a lame. Item at North Pittington a weather, a rigolde, and a lame.

Anno 1585. May 23.

Churchwardens elected and chosen by the xij men to serve for this yeare, Jarrat Swalwell and William Shaudforthe.

In primis, receaved by us the abovenamed churchwardens the day and yeare above writtne, of Gilberte Dixon and William Ourde all the implements belonginge to this church (accordinge as they ar writtne before in this booke). Item receaved of the ould churchwardens, Gilbert Dixon and William Ourde, in monye, xxiij d. Item receaved for twoe stone of woull, ix s. viij d. Item receaved for iiij lames, viij s. ix d. Item receaved of Wedowe Tayler of Shearborne the xvij day of October for her husband Rauf Tayler's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item receaved of Thomas Birde for a yeowe the vj day of Januarie, ij s. viij d. Item receaved for Mr Cockson's lairstall the xiiij day of Fabruarie, iij s. iiij d. Item receaved for a yowe (solde in Shadforth by Jarrat Swalwell) the iij day of April, iij s. The whole

summe of all their receits is xxxij s. viij d. Item more receaved the xj day of June by Jarrat Swalwell for vj lames, vij s. j d.

[Some memoranda for 1625 follow here, and will be found under that year.]

ANNO 1585. *Expences.*—In primis laid forthe by the foresaid churchwardens, Jarrat Swalwell and William Shaudforthe, the xxij of June (when we wer commanded to bye for everie person in our parishe a booke, at Saint Nicolas' churche in Durham) for our expences, iij d. Item given to the sumner the vij day of July when we wer at Saint Uswold's at the visitation, x d. And for our charges the same day, iiij d. Item given for wrytinge of our presentment the same day, ij d. Item given for our charges the third day of July (being Saturday) when we solde fower lames and bought iiij gimers, viij d. Item given for the foresaid fower gimers, x s. viij d. Item geven the xiiij day of July when we wer at the generall Chapter before Mr Coleman at St Nicolas Churche in Durham to the laweyars, x d. And for our charges the same daye, vij d. Item given the same day to the hirde of Shaudforthe for kepinge of twoe gimmers whiche we bought that straied from us, j d. Item given for our charges the xxj day of July when we wer at the Querter Sessions concerninge the Rogge mony,[1] iiij d. Item given by Jarrat Swalwell the xij day of September to Mathewe Stanlay for makinge the windowe in the West end of the churche, and mendinge the rest of the windowes in the churche, v s. Item given to Jarrat Swalwell the xxvj day of November

(1) That is, Rogue Money—a payment required from parishes, which is thus defined, A.D. 1658, in the Houghton book: 'The Rogue money is a yearely payment due by this Parish at Midsommer, payable to the High Constable for prisoners in goale, correction, &c., and since the yeare 1623 the said payment hath bin three pound five shillings a yeare.' It appears to have been first paid by the parish of Pittington in 1587 (after appearances of the churchwardens at the quarter sessions about it in 1585 and 1586), amounting at first to 6*s*. 8*d*., for which a special cessment was made. In 1593 the term 'Soldier money' occurs, which appears from the wording of the entry to have been then a new one to the churchwardens. For a few years afterwards both terms occur, sometimes so as to denote separate payments; but both came to be included in the term 'Rogue money.' Its double purpose, signified by the two expressions, is shown by that used in 1598, viz. 'for goales, mareners and soldiers,' and still more distinctly in the Houghton book, where in one year we find, 'For mamed souldyers, mariners and the jale.' The payment from Pittington for the whole purpose in 1600 and for eighteen years following became 8*s*. 8*d*., and rose to 1*l*. 4*s*. in 1619.

for his daye's worke in the churche, for layinge down a lairstall and mendinge of other stalls in the churche, vj d. Item given for nailes whiche he ocupied the same day, j d. Item given for bindinge the olde byble, the olde communion booke, and the psalter, and for coveringe of the foresaid byble, ij s. Item given at Christenmas, washinge the church clothes, v d. Item given to John Elwicke for swills and a besome, ij d. Item given the xviij day of Fabruarie when we wer at Saint Nicolas Churche before Mr Burton [1] to the sumners and for our expences, xxj d. Item given for washinge of the churche clothes before Easter, vj d. Item given to the sumner for givinge in of our presentment at St Uswold's concerninge the basebegotne child which was nurst in Shaudforthe,[2] iiij d. Item given to John Elwicke for swills and a besome, ij d. Item given for makinge of the churchyard wall which belongs to Byers garthe, iij d. Item given to William Shaudforth for servinge the glasner that day whiche he mended the windowes, iiij d. Item given for our expences the xij day of Aprill when we were at Durham to make answere concerninge the rogge monye, iiij d. Item given for a bell stringe, ij s. Item given for wrytinge all our busines about the churche, xii d. Item given to the sumner the xvj day of June by Gilbert Browne when we wer at Saint Uswolde's, x d. Item given for our charges the same day, ij d. Item given to Jarrat Swalwell for working at the stalles in the churche the x day of June, vj d. Item given for our charges the xj day of June when we solde the lames, viij d. Item given for thre yeowes the seconde day of July, vij s. vj d., and for the towle (*toll*), j d. And for our expenses the same day, iiij d. Item given to maister Chater's [3] man the xxj of July when we were before maister

(1) Thomas Burton, Rector of Stanhope, and afterwards Vicar of Merrington, had been Spiritual Chancellor before Clement Colemore (1578–1582). After vacating office he sometimes acted as Commissioner for Visitations. So A.D. 1584 (*Proc. of Bp. Barnes*, p. 92). The occasion referred to here would be the 'General Chapter' of Feb. 1586, that of the previous July having been held by Colemore in person.

(2) For the probable occasion and circumstances of this presentment see Appendix B.

(3) Christopher Chaitor was the Diocesan Registrar, or 'Register of the Consistory Court.' This would be on the occasion of the 'General Chapter' held by Chancellor Colemore in the Galilee on the day here mentioned in 1586. It comes into the accounts of the churchwardens elected in the previous year because (as appears below) they did not settle with their successors till July 30. Jarrat Swalwell, who had been re-elected May 23, was present

Colemore, x d. And for our expenses the same day, iiij d. Item given to the hirde of Shearborne for bringing two yowes from olde Durham to Shearborn, j d. The sum of this yeare's charges comes to xl s. xj d.

ANNO 1585.—Shepe belonginge to this parishe this present yeare. In primis at the Hall garthe, iij yeowes and twoe gimers. Item at Ludworthe, ij yeowes, a gimer, a weather, and a dinmonte. Item at Shaudforth, a yeow, a weather, and a hogge. Item in Shearborne, a weather and iij gimer hogges. Item in Pittington, a weather and a gimer hogge. Item at Pittington, with Mr Anderson, a gimer lam. Item at Shearborne more one gimer which the churchwardens bought this yeare. Item at the Hall garthe one other gimer which the churchwardens bought this yeare. Item at Shaudforthe other twoe gimers which was bought this yeare: one of them hath a lame.

ANNO 1586. JULY XXX.

Shepe remainynge in this parrishe in the charge of Jarrat Swalwell and Gilberte Browne, churchwardens for this year, as foloweth.

In primis, at Ludworth, a weather, twoe yeowes, a dinmont, and a lam. Item at the Maner of Pittington, v yeows. Item at Suth Pittington, twoe yeowes. Item at North Pittington, a wether. Item at Hetton of the hill, two yeowes. Item at Shaudforth, iiij yeowes and a weather. Item at Shearborne, iiij yeowes and a weather. Item at Pittington with Mr Anderson, a hogge.

ANNO 1586.—In primis, receaved by us, the abovenamed churchwardens, Jarrat Swalwell and Gilbert Browne, the day and year before writne, of William Shaudforth and the said Jarrat, all the implements belongynge to this church according as they ar writne before in this booke. Item receaved of Nicolas Newbye for twoe lames solde to him by Jarrat Swalwell the x day of June, ij s. vj d. Item receaved for seaven lames solde in Durham the xiiij day of June, vij s. vij d. Item receaved for a weather solde at Shaudforth by Jarrat Swalwell the xiiij day of Fabruarie, vi s. xi d. Item receaved of Issabell Gillerie for twoe stone of woule and sume ods, x s.

at the Chapter, but not his new colleague, as appears from the *Lib. Sinod.* 'Pittington: Robertus Murrow, vicar, excusatus egrot.; Jerrard Swallwell; Gilbertus Brown nullo modo.'

Item receaved by Jarrat Swalwell for vj lams solde by him the v day of June, vij s. vj d. Item received by the said Jarrat for v lams sold to William Pearson of Durham the x day of June, xj s.

Expences, 1586.—In primis, laid forth by the foresaid churchwardens, Jarrat Swalwell and Gilbert Browne, for paper to write our busines, j d. Item given for iij yeowes the seconde day of July, vij s. vij d. Item the parrishe ar behind with Jarrat Swalwell concernynge his last yeare's accounts, viij d. Item given to William Blythman of Durham for mendinge the bell clapper the xix day of October, ix d. Item given for the leather which it hings, iiij d. Item given for our charges the same day, iiij d. Item laid forthe the seconde day of December when we wer at Saint Uswolde's before Mr Prentice[1] and Simonde Comin, x d. Item for our expences the same day, iiij d. Item given for our expenses the xxi day of November when we wer before Christofor Mare concernyng the rog monie, ij d. Item given to Gilbert Brown for waiting on the glasner at the churche thre daies, vj d. Item given to Matthewe Stanlay the xviij day of December for mendinge the window in the west end of the churche, and the window of the south side of the churche, iij s. vj d. Item given for our expences the xix day of December, when we wer before the Justises about the rogge mony, iiij d. And for our charges the xxiiij day of the same monthe when we paid the said monie, ij d. Item given to Mr Chaiter's man the last day of Januarie, when we wer at the generall chapter,[2] x d. And for our chairges the same day, xij d. Item given for Jarrat Swalwell's chairges when he went to make complainte upon Byers garthe for not doinge duties to the churche, iiij d. Item given to Thomas Chater's man in December when we wer before Mr Coulmore at the chapter in the Gallylie, x d.

(1) Robert Prentice, Minor Canon and Vicar of St. Giles in Durham, whom Henry Dethick, Prebendary of Durham and Official of the Dean and Chapter, had appointed his Surrogate A.D. 1583. See Appendix A. Simon Comin was a notary public, and Registrar of the Court of the Officialty.

(2) This is the last mention of a 'General Chapter.' Bishop Barnes died in 1587, and neither the Chapters nor the Synods instituted by him appear to have been continued after his death. Henceforth the regular appearances of the churchwardens are only at the Visitations of the Official, held twice in the year, or those of the Bishop in person. They were, however, often summoned for special reasons to the Official's Court, and sometimes to the Chancellor's.

And for our charges the same day, iiij d. Item given to Jarrat Swalwell the xxj of Marche for his daie's worke in the churche in makinge of a woman's stall and mendinge of other stalls and mendinge the coveringe of the fonte, viij d. And for nailes which he occupyed the same day, ij d. Item given to Issabell Gillerie for washinge the church clothes against Easter, vj d. Item given to the clerke for writinge all our busines this last year, xij d. Item given to Richard Ruter, hird of Shearborne, for fetchinge ij yeowes which straied from Maistres Morland's to ould Durham, j d. Item given to Smethson of Shearborne for besomes, j d. This accompt taken this vj of May of the churche wardens last yeare finished, and ther remains in ther handes v s. vj d. Item given for Jarrat Swalwell's chairges when he solde the church lams, xii d. Item given to Robert Humble for a bought to put the lams in when they wer at the market to be sold, ij daies, ij d. Thes lambes sold and all ther chargies discharged at the goinge forthe of thes churche wardens, Garrard Swalwell and Gilbard Broune, this day, beinge the xi^{th} of this instant June 1587, and they have delyvered unto thes new churche wardens, James Huntley and John Wheatley, in monye xxii s., and lambes to be sold, iij in Sherburn, in Shaldfourthe one, at Mrs Cocksonne's one. Old chardgies delyvered at this time to thes men to be caled for of Gilbard Dicksonne, xiij s. iiij d. Behiend in thexecutors' handes to pay of the forsayd, ij s. viij d. Whereof ix d. is paied, which was put in the chist.

ANNO 1587. JUNII XI.

Churchwardens elected and chosen the day and yeare above writne to serve for this next yeare followinge, James Huntley and John Wheatlay.

Receits.—In primis receaved by us, the foresaid James Huntly and John Wheatlay, churchwardens, in monie of the xij men the day and year aforesaid, xxij s. vj d. Item received for v lams solde in Durham the xxiiij day of June, v s. vj d. Item receyved for a stone of woull and a half, vj s. Item more to be receaved for Robert Cockson's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. And for Nicolas Hull's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Reckned with the churchwardens the first day of December, and they have in their hands beside these twoe lair stalls, vj s. [which is received in the presence of the xij men and put in the chist].[1]

(1) The words within brackets have been struck out.

Received for Roberte Cockson's lairstall the vij day of Januarie, iij s. iiij d. Item received a cesment for rogge monie the ix day of Januarie of vij s. ij d. Item received for a yowe skin which came from Pittington, which yeow was given to the poore, iij d. Item received of William Shaudforthe of Shearborne for his mother's lairstall upon the Assension Day, iij s. iiij d. Item received for the lames, solde in Durham the xxv day of May, iij s. iij d. Item received for bread and wine for this year,[1] xi s. ij d.

Ludworth, ij s. viij d. Pettington Hall garth, ij s. Hetton on the hill, ij s. Elimoure hall, viij d. Littell Pettington, xvi d.

Expences, 1587.—In primis laid forth by the foresaid churchwardens, James Huntly and John Wheatly, the xiiij day of June when we wer at the generall visitation before my Lorde of Durham, and the twoe sidemen[2] with us, to the sumner, iiij d. And to Mr Colemore's man which examined us, xxij d. And for our expenses (being vj men), iij s. Item given for our expenses the xxiiij day of June, when we wer at Durham at the market, and solde v lams, iiij d. Item given for bread and wyne to serve at the communion the first day of July, xx d. Item given more for bread and wine for the same purpose the viij day of July, xvij d. Item given for a botell to bring home the wyne in, iiij d. Item given for paper the fourth day of September, ij d. Item given to John Stevenson for makynge of a window in the revestry[3] and shiftinge the dore

(1) As to this, the first entry of any receipt for the elements of Holy Communion, see remarks in Introduction.

(2) This is the first mention of Sidemen. They are from time to time referred to afterwards as attending churchwardens at visitations and before the justices; but their appointment by the vestry is recorded only in the years 1605, 1606, 1608, the first of which was after the publication of the Canons of 1604, one of which (*Canon* 90) ordered the election of sidemen.

(3) The revestry (or vestry) adjoined the chancel on the north side, its door, before it was shifted this year, having been at the end of the north aisle of the nave. This appears from the description of the assigned stalls in 1584: 'The shorte stall at the vesterye doore joyninge upon the end of the stall next above writne.' This vestry was probably the old chantry chapel of our Lady, which existed at the time of the dissolution of chantries under Edw. VI. (*Proceedings of Bp. Barnes*, Surt. Soc., Appendix VI. p. lxviii). Till the demolition of the old chancel in 1846 there were two walled-up arches, which had once communicated with this side chapel, in the north wall (Hutchinson's *Hist. of Durham*). When it was destroyed there is no evidence to show. It appears from a subsequent entry in this book, A.D. 1624, that it was standing then, and also that it had been provided with a fireplace.

and plaisteringe the same house, ix s. Item given for carry-inge xij sacks of lime from Haswell Grainge, ij s. Item given for fetchinge a sacke of hayre frcm Durham, ij d. Item given for breade and wyne to serve at the communion at Michelmas, ij s. vij d. Item given to John Scotte for makinge the woodworke of the window in the revestrye, ij s. iiij d. Item given to the lawyers at Saint Uswolde's the iiij day of October, x d. And for our expences the same day, iiij d. Item given for mendynge of thre lockes and makinge keyes for them, iiij d. Item given for bearinge of mettell out of the revestrye, iij d. Item given for bearinge of sande to mingle among the lyme, ij d. Item given for besomes, j d. All this before is discharged the first day of December. Item given for our expences the viij day of December, when we wer before Mr Deane[1] with the names of all the communicants, vj d. Item given for the monition seallinge, which Doctor Colemore gave out the ix day of December for coming to the churche, viij d. Item given for bread and wyne for the Communion at Christenmas, ij s. vj d. And for washeinge and mendinge the church clothes, vj d. Item given for laying downe of Robert Cockson's lairstall, ij d. Item laid forth the xv day of December for our expenses when we gave in the names of the communicants to Mr Deane, iiij d. Item given more for bread and wine the vj day of Januarie, iiij d. ob. Item given to Thomas Bird's wife for bread and drinke which the ringers toke on the coronation day, vj d. Item given to Mr Mair for rogge monie the xij day of Januarie, vj s. viij d. Item for our expenses when we wer ij daies waitinge at Durham about the said rogge monie, xij d. Item given for layinge downe of twoe laire stalls, iiij d. Item given to the lawyers when we wer before Mr Prentice twoe daies, ij s. viij d. And for writinge our presentment, ij d. And for expenses the said dayes, xij d. Item given for bread and wine to serve the Communion at Easter, viij s. Item given for our expenses the xx day of Aprill when we wer in with the letter which came to gather for Thomas Hobbick, iij d. Item

(1) *Sede vacante.* Bishop Barnes having died in 1587, the see remained vacant till 1589. In the meanwhile the Dean and Chapter were Guardians of the Spiritualties. The Dean was Tobias Matthew, who became Bishop in 1595. He seems to have been active in the exercise of his temporary jurisdiction. Cf. '1587, 11 Oct. RYTON. Sede vacante. Before Tobias Matthew, S.T.P., Dean of Durham, in Mr Deane his studye' (*Proc. of Bp. Barnes*, p. 135).

given for our expenses the xvij day of Aprill, when we maid certificate to M[r] Prentice that Anthonie Cockson and John Swalwell's wife had received at Easter, iij d. Item given for a shule with the irons, vj d. Item given for a key to a hinge locke, j d. Item given for fowre bands and crookes, vj d. Item given for makinge the window bords in the revestrie, xij d. Item given for dightinge the leads, xij d. Reckned with the churchwardens the xxvj day of May, and the have delivered unto the xij men, all charges being considered, ij s. j d. ob.

Anno 1588. May 16.

The names of the xij men remaininge nowe at this day ar these. John Swalwell, [Richarde Wrangham,][1] Christofor Man, Herrie Cooke, William Stoddart, [William Pearson,][1] Robert Meborne, Richard Swalwell, Rauf Hall. Item chosen by these aforesaid to supply the number lackinge. Anthonie Cockson, James Huntly, and William Shaudforth. Churchwardens chosen by these aforesaid and the consent of the Vicker.[2] Richard Swalwell and Nicolas Yonger. In primis received by us, the foresaid churchwardens, Richarde Swalwell and Nicolas Yonger, for thre fat lams, vj s. Item received for other twoe lames of Anthonie Cockson, ij s. Item received of Thomas Birde for one lame, xx d. Item received of Herrie Cooke for twoe lames, ij s. vj d. Item received of Jarrat Robeson for twoe lames, ij s. Item received for twoe stone of wole, viij s. Item received of Herry Cooke for a lair stall, iij s. iiij d. Item received for bread and wine, viij s. viij d. Item R[eceived] of the stocke at ther entrye, xij d. Item received for thre lames solde to M[r] Fetherston the xi of May, v s. Item received for a lair stall of Richard Wrangham, iij s. iiij d. Lairstalls unpaid for: One for William Craw, iij s. iiij d. One for Richard Wrangham, to pay, iij s. iiij d. One for Wedow Hull, to pay, iij s. iiij d.

In primis, laid forth by us, the foresaid churchwardens, Richarde Swalwell and Nicolas Yonger, the seconde day of October, when we wer at St. Uswolde's before M[r] Prentice,

(1) Struck out.

(2) Here for the first time the consent of the Vicar is recorded. So also in some subsequent years, but not usually. The now established custom of nomination of one of the churchwardens by the Incumbent (allowed by the 89th Canon in case of the minister and parishioners being unable to agree) does not appear in any of these books.

to the sumner, xij d. And for our expenses the same day, viij d. Item given for drinke to the ringers the xix of November, vj d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Whitsonday, vj d. Item given for washinge and mendinge the church clothes for Christnemas, vj d. Item given for shiftinge the fonte the x day of Januarie, ij s. vj d. Item given for our expenses when we wer at the querter sessions about the rogge monie, viij d. Item given for bread and drinke when the fonte was shifted, xvj d. Item given to the lawers the ix of Aprill, when we wer with our presentment before the ordinarie, xij d. And for our expenses, vj d. Item given for our expenses, when we wer at the querter sessions about the rogge monie, vj d. Item given for dightinge the leads, vj d. Item given for clippinge of shepe, iiij d. Item given for besomes to swepe the church, j d. Item given for makinge a forme in the church, iij d. Item given for bread and wine this year, xxj s. iiij d. Item given for washinge and mendinge the church clothes at Easter, vj d. Item given to Glover and his man at Easter when Nicolas Yonger was carried to Littleburne about the rogge monie, iij s. Item given for layinge downe of a lairstall, ij d. Item given to the clerke for writinge our busines this last yeare, xij d.

1589. May 9.

Churchwardens chosen for this yeare by the xij men and the consent of Mr *Vicker*:[1] William Pearson and Raiphe Hall.

Shepe belongynge to this parish this present yere. In primis at Hetton on the hill one yeowe and one lame. Item at Pittington, a gimer hogge. Item at Shearborne, twoe yeowes and thre lames. Item at the Maner of Pittington, fowre yeowes and one lame. Item at Shaudforth, twoe yeowes and a gimer hogge, a weather hogge, and a riggold hogge. Item on Pittington hill with Mr Anderson, a gimer hogge. Item at Ludworth, a weather, a yeowe, and thre gimer hoggs. Delyvered thes churche wardens at ther entrye of the churche stocke in monye, vj s. x d. In Nicolas Younger's hand to be delivered unto thes churche wardens to by a gimmer withall for a weather he sold of Pittington hill, iij s. iiij d.

Receits.—In primis received in monie as is above writne, vj s. x d. Item received for a weather lame solde in Durham

(1) 'Vicker' is underlined in the MS.

the last day of May, ij s. ij d. Item received of Nicolas Yonger the xiiij day of June for a weather solde by him in winter, iij s. iiij d. Item received of Richard Swalwell the xvij day of June for William Crawe's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item received for a weather solde from Ludworth the v day of July, vj s. Item received for twoe stone and fower pounde of woule the v day of July, xi s. iiij d. Item received for a gimer skin which fail'd at Ludworth, and was given to the poore, iij d. Item received for other twoe gimer skins which fail'd at Ludworth and was given to the poore, xx d. Item received for a dinmont skin which fail'd at Shaudforth and was given to the poore, x d. Item received of the clerke for twoe gimers sold unto him which went the one at towne Pittington and the other on Pittington hill, iiij s. vj d. *Summa*, xl s. iij d.

1589. May xxxi.—Expenses laid forth by Raiph Hall and William Pearson, Churchewardens for this yeare, as followeth. In primis given the day and yeare above writne for vj hogges, fower gimer hogges, and twoe weather hogges, whereof the one was a riggolde, xvj s. viij d. Item given to the sumner, by the commandment of Mr Prentice, the xij day of June, when we wer before the said Mr Prentice, xij d. And for our expenses the same day, iiij d. Item given for breade and wine the Sunday after Midsomer day beinge the xxix day of June, xiiij d. Item given for clippinge of fower yowes at the Hall garth, ij d. Item given for bread and wine the vj day of July, xviij d. Item given to Christofor Glover for rogge monie the v day of July, v s. iiij d. Item given to Bettres Dobson and her daughter for bringinge of twoe burthen of Jenepers [1] to the churche, iij d. Item given for besomes to swepe the church, j d. Item given to the glasner for mendinge the glas windowes the xxvij day of December, iiij s. vj d. Item given to William Pearson for waitinge on the glasner, ij d. Item given for bread and wine to serve the Communion at Christnemas, ij s. Item given to the laweyers at St Uswold's the xij day of Fabruarie, xij d. And for our expenses the same day, iij d. Item given at Easter for tenne quarts of wyne to serve the Communion, vj s. viij d. And for bread for the same purpose, iiij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Easter, vj d. Item given for writinge our accounts this yeare, accordinge as it

(1) Junipers. Probably for fumigation. Juniper appears to have been so used at St. Nicholas' in Durham, as well as frankincense.

haith bene accustomed, xij d. Item given to the sumner the xxvij of May, when we wer before Mr Prentis at St Uswold's, viij d. and for our dinners the same day, viij d. *Summa*, xliiij s. iij d.

Reckned with the olde churchwardens, Rauf Hall and William Pearson, the last day of May, and received of them all things discharged, xij s. i d.

ANNO 1590. MAY XXXI.

It is agreed the day and yeare above writne by the consent of the xij men and Mr Vicker that everie landlorde shall answere for there cotichers for the payment of ij d. in the yeare for bread and wyne, if the said cotichers refuse to pay the churchwardens.

ANNO 1590. MAY XXXI.—Churchwardens elected and chosen for this year by the xij men and Mr Vicker; John Swalwell [Brian Yonge *erased*] and John Tayler.

Shepe belonginge this parish this yeare: In primis at Ludworth 4 lams and a yeowe. Item at Shaudforth thre yeowes and a weather and a lame. Item at the Hall garth fowre yeowes and a gimer. Item at Pittington a lame. Item at Pittington hill a lame.

[*Receipts.*]—In primis received in monie by the foresaid churchwardens, John Swalwell and John Tayler, the xix day of Julie, of Raiph Hall and William Pearson, which was takne out of the chist, the same day, xij s. j d. Out of which the said Raiphe Hall and William Pearson did taike backe againe unto them selves for their charges which they wer at before Mr Prentice, since they made their accounts, iij s. iiij d. Upon condition that if the parishe wolde not allow of it, they shoulde pay it againe. Item received for a stone and a half of woule, xj s. Item received for twoe yeowes, v s. viij d. Item received for other twoe yeowes and twoe lames, x s. iiij d. *Summa*, xxxv s. ix d.

Laid forth by Raiphe Hall and William Pearson the xvj day of June when they wer cited before Mr Prentice: to Mr Prentice, viij d. To Simon Commin's man, viij d. To the sumner, viij d. For ther dinners, viij d. And also they were commaunded by Mr Prentice to put viij d. in the poore mens' boxe.[1]

(1) This paragraph, which occurs on a loose page, evidently should come in here.

Expenses.—Laid forth by the foresaid churchwardens, John Swalwell and John Tayler, as followeth. In primis given to Mr Prentice and the sumner at St Uswold's the xxiij day of July, xij d. And for our expenses the same day, viij d. Item given to our examiner at my lord's visitation,[1] xxij d., and to the sumners, vj d. And our expenses, Mr Vicker and ourselves, vj d. Item given for drinke and breade to the ringers upon the Coronation nyght, ix d. Item given at the court before Mr Prentice the xxvj day of November at St Uswold's, xij d. And for writing the artickles, iij d. And for our dinners, viij d. Item given for swills and besomes the xiij day of December, ij d. Item given for a corde to hinge the church clothes on, j d. Item given to John Tayler for settinge uppe a borde in a windowe in the churche, iij d. Item given to John Scotte for mending the beare, vij d. Item given for washing the churche clothes at Christenmas, vj d. Item given for paper, j d. Item given to Mr Prentis and the sumners at St Uswold's the xiiij day of Aprill, xij d. And for expenses, iiij d. Item given for our expenses the xvj day of Aprill when we went to deliver the supplication unto the Justices, vj d. Item given for writinge the supplication, iij d. Item paied Rogge monie, vj s. viij d. Item given for writinge all our busines about the church and for kepinge our booke as haithe bene accustomed, xij d. *Summa*, xviij s. ij d.

ANNO 1591. MAY XXVI.

Shepe belonginge to this parishe. In primis at John Swalwell's, one yeowe, one lame, and one yonge tuppe once shorne. Item at Robert Fawdon's, twoe gimer hogges. Item in Shaudforth, twoe yeowes, one gimer, one dinmont, twoe tupps, and one lame. Item in Shearborne, one yeow and one weather from the sheres, one tuppe, and one lame. Item at Pittington hall fower yeowes and one weather from the sheres. Item at South Pittington ij lames. Item at Hetton on the hill twe lames. Item on Pittington hill with Nicolas Blaccat a lame. Item at towne of Pittington one tuppe.

ANNO 1591. MAII XXVI.—Shepe remainynge in this parishe the day and year above writne. At the maner of Pittington, 4 yeowes and one lame. At South Pittington twoe lames. At North Pittington a tuppe hogge. At Shearborne a yeowe twoe

(1) The primary visitation of Bishop Matthew Hutton (1589-1594).

dinmoths and twoe lames. At Shaudforth twoe yeowes, twoe lames, a weather, and two hogges. At Ludworth fowre hogges, a yeow, and a lame.

ANNO 1591. MAII XXVI.—Churchwardens elected and chosen for this yeare by the xij men; Herrie Cooke and George Tailer.

Receits.—In primis received in monie of the olde churchwardens, John Swalwell and John Tailer, in monie, the daie and year above writne, xvij s. vij d. Item received for twoe weathers sold at Martinmas, xiiij s. Item received for twoe stone of woulle, xvj s. Item received a hogge skinne, x d. *Summa*, xlviij s. v d.

Expenses.—Laid forth by the foresaid churchwardens, Herrie Cooke and George Tayler, as followeth. In primis given to Mr Prentice the xxij day of June at the Court at St Uswold's, xij d. And for writinge our certificate, ij d. [And for the sumners, viij d. *erased.*] And for our expenses, viij d. Item given to Mr Prentice at the Feaste of St Michaell at their visitation, xij d. And for our expenses, viij d. Item given for paper, j d. Item for besomes, j d. Item given to Mr Prentis the last day of Januarie, xij d. And for our expenses twoe daies, xij d. Item given for our expenses the xix day of March, when we wer before Mr Prentice, vj d. Item given to Mr Prentice the xvij day of Aprill, xij d. And for our certificate, ij d. And for our expenses, viij d. Item given for mendinge the glas windowes on Good Friday, ij s. vj d. Item given for dightinge the church leades, ij d. Item given for drinke to the ringers on the Coronation day, viij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas, vj d. Item given [for] writinge all our busines about the church, and for kepinge our booke as haith bene accustomed, xij d. *Summa*, xij s. xj d.

ANNO 1592. MAY XVI.

Shepe belonginge to this parish the day and yeare above writne. At Ludworth with John Swalwell one yeowe, one lame, one tuppe, one gimer hogge. At Robert Fawdon's, twoe gimers and twoe lames. At Shaudforth thre yeowes and two lames, one dinmont, one tuppe, one dinmont tuppe, and one tupp hogge. At Shearborne one yeowe and a lame and one tuppe. Att the Maner of Pittington fowre yeowes and twoe lames. At South Pittington one hogge. At North Pittington

one tuppe. At Pittington hill one hogge. At Hetton on the hill twoe hogges.

ANNO 1592. MAY XVI.—The names of the xij men, remainynge at this day are the followinge. Anthonie Cockson, John Swalwell, [Richarde] *George* Wrangham, Christofor Man, Herry Cooke, William Shaudforth, William Stoddarte, Gilbert Browne, *Robert Fawdon*, [Rauph Hall,] Richard Swalwell, James Huntlye, William Ourde. Churchwardens elected and chosen by the xij men to serve for this yeare followinge; Richarde Wrangham, Richard Swalwell, and William Shaudforth.

Receits.—In primis received in monie of the olde churchwardens, Herrie Cooke and George Tayler, xxxv s. vij d. Item received for twoe stone of woule, xvj s. vj d. Item received for fower tuppes, xxij s. Item received for twoe yeowes, xiij s. Item received for twoe lames, v s. Item received for a yeowe skinne which dyed at the Hall garthe, xij d. Item received for a pece of a hogge skinne which dyed at the Little towne, viij d. Item a yeowe and ij lames, sold to John Swalwell by Richard Swalwell, for which he is to answere, vij s. Which summe the said John Swalwell paied the xxvij day of May. Item received of John Swalwell of Ludworth for his father's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item received of Mr Anthonie Cockson for his son's lairstall, xx d. Item received of Gilbert Brown for his ant's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item received of John Robinson for his wive's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item received of Christofor Man for his mother's lairstall, viij d. Item received for bread and wyne in Shearborne, iiij s. ij d. In Pittington, iij s. In Shaudforth, iiij s. Item received of James Smeton for a weather, ix s. The whole summe of all the receits is vj l. xiij s. viij d.

Expenses.—Laid forth by the foresaid churchwardens, Richard Wrangham, Richard Swalwell, and William Shaudforth, as followeth. In primis given for bread and wine to serve at the Comunion the xxiiij of June, beinge Midsomerday, ij s. j d. Item given for paper the same day, j d. Item given to Roberte Morye for rogge monie, vj s. Item given for bread and wyne to serve at the Communion the second day of July, xviij d. Item given to John Tayler for layinge downe wedowe Man's lairstall and mendinge of an other lairstall, iij d. Item given for a bought to kepe our tupps in that day we sold them, ij d. Item given for bread and wyne to serve the Communion

the viij day of October, xxj d. Item given to Mr Prentice the fourth of October at St Uswold's when we were commanded to be before him at his Visitation, xij d. And for our expenses the same day, viij d. And for writinge our presentment, ij d. Item given for besomes, j d. Item given for breade and wyne to serve the Communion the xx day of October, xiij d. Item given for thre yeowes the fourth day of November, xvj s. vj d. Item given for the towle of them, j d. Item given for our expenses the same day, iiij d. Item given for five quartes of wyne to serve the Communion at Christenmas, iiij s. And for breade, ij d. Item given to the glasner for xiij fote and a half of newe glasse, viij d. a fote, viij s. iiij d. Whereof iiij s. iiij d. was given for the windowe in the revestrie. Item given to the same glasner the same day, beinge the xxvj day of Januarie, for fower fote of olde glasse set in newe leade, xij d. Item given for nailes to set up the newe glasse with, j d. Item given for expenses when we waited on the glasner, ij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas, vj d. Item given for a newe bear, xvij d. Item given for bread and wyne to serve the Communion at Easter, v s. vj d. Item given to John Tayler for layinge downe twoe lairstalls and dightinge the leads the vij day of Aprill, vj d. And for making a wall before the revestry windowe, viij d. Item given for washing the church clothes at Easter, vj d. Item given to the sumner the xxvj day of Aprill at Saint Uswold's, xij d. Item given for our dinners the same day, viij d. Item given for breade and drinke to them whiche wente to vewe the bounders of our parishe the xxiij day of May, beinge the last of the Rogation daies,[1] xij d. Item given to Robert Morie for Rogge monie the xij day of May, vj s. Item given for writinge our busines about the church and kepinge our booke as haith bene accustomed, xij d. The whole summe of all the expenses is thre pound fowre shillings and viij d. We ar to answere to the new churchwardens iij l. viij s. xj d.

ANNO 1593. JUNE XXIX.

Shepe belonginge to this parish the day and year above writne. At Ludworth with Robert Fawdon thre yeowes, thre lames, and a tuppe. At Shaudforth thre yeowes, a weather,

(1) This is the only mention in the book of the custom of beating the bounds.

and a tuppe. At Shearborne twoe yeowes and a lame. At the Maner of Pittington fower yeowes and a lame. At South Pittington a weather. At North Pittington twoe lames. At Hetton on the hill a weather and a tuppe.

ANNO 1593. JUNE X.—Churchwardens elected and chosen by the xij men to serve for this yeare followinge; Thomas Warde and Roberte Fawdon.

Receits.—In primis receivede in monie of the olde churchwardens, Richard Wrangham, Richard Swalwell, and William Shaudforth, iij l. viij s. xj d. Item received for two lames the vj day of June, vj s. viij d. Item received for twoe stone of woule saveing twoe pounde the xvij day of July, xvj s. Received of Robert Brough for his wive's lairstall on Easter even, iij s. iiij d. Received for bread and wyne in Pittington, 3 s. In Shaudforth, 4 s. In Shearborne, 4 s. 6 d. At the Hall garthe and South Pittington, 12 d. At Ludworth and Hetton on the hill, 14 d. At Ellamore Hall, 2 d. Received for bread and wyne in all, xiij s. x d. Received for a hogge skinne which died at the Hall garthe, viij d. The whole summe of all the receits is v l. ix s. v d.

Expenses.—In primis laid forth when we wer before my Lorde at his visitation at S[t] Nicolas church in Durham the xix day of July to M[r] Hall, xxij d. And to the sumner, iiij d. And for our charges the same day, xij d. Item given for a bell coller the xxviij day of July, xij d. Item given to the sumner the xxvij day of September, when we wer commanded to appear with our Syde men at my Lord's visitation,[1] iiij d. Item given for our artickles the same day, iiij d. Item given for our expenses the same day, we, M[r] Vicker, and our Sidemen, xx d. Item given to the sumner the second day of October, when we wer commanded to come in with our presentment accordinge to our artickles which wer given to us at my Lord's visitation, iiij d. Item given for our expenses the same day, xij d. Item given for bread and wyne to serve the Communion at Michaelmas (five quartes x d. a quarte), and in bread ij d., in all, iiij s. iiij d. Item given for swills and besomes, ij d. Item given for mendinge a bell whele and the stocks of twoe bells the xvj day of November to the wright for 3 daies work himself and his man 2 dayes, 3 s. Item given to the smith for

(1) The bishop, Matthew Hutton, appears to have held two visitations this year, in July and September.

iron and workmanshippe, 2 s. 5 d. To Thomas Warde for waitinge on the smith and the wright two daies, 8 d. Item given for drinke to the ringers on the Coronation day, 6 d. Item given to Roberte Morie for Soldier monie (as he cald it) the xxiiij of November, xiij d. Item given for paper the first of December, j d. Item given for bread and wyne to serve the Communion at Christenmas, fower quarts x d. a quarte and ij d. in bread, in all, iij s. vj d. Item for our expenses when we fetcht the wyne for to serve the Communion at Michaelmas, iiij d. And at Christenmas, iiij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas, vj d. Item given for a trace to mend a brokne bell stringe, ij d. Item given for greesing twoe shepe, iiij d. Item given for twoe gallons of wyne to serve the Communion at Easter, vj s. iiij d. And for bread, iiij d. Item given for makinge a glasse windowe and mendinge of other glasse windowes, vj s. iiij d. Item given for makinge two newe bars of iron, and mendinge fower old bars for the said glas windowe, vj d. Item given to Mr Prentis the xiiij day of Aprill, when we wer called before him to present such falts as we had with in our parishe, xij d. And for our expenses the same day, xij d. Item given for lainge down Robert Brough wive's lairstall, 2 d. Item given for our expenses when we maid our recknyngs, vj d. Item given for writinge our businnes about the church, and kepeinge our recknynge booke as haith bene accustomed, xij d. Item given to Jarrat Swan for Solgermonie the xxv day of May, ij s. ij d. *Summa*, 2 l. iij s. 7 d. *Summa declara*, 3 l. v s. x d.

ANNO 1594. MAY IX.

Churchwardens elected and chosen by xij men to serve for this year following; Mr Anthonie Cockson and James Huntlye.

MAY XXIII. 1594.—Shepe belonginge to this parish the day and year above writne, and delivered to the new churchwardens as followeth. At Ludworth thre yeowes, twoe lames, a weather, and a weather hogge. At Shaudforth thre yeowes, thre lames, a weather, and a tupp. At Shearborne twoe yeowes and twoe lames. At Pittington Hallgarth fower yeowes and fower lames. At South Pittington a weather. At North Pittington twoe riggald hogges. At Hetton on the hill a tuppe.

ANNO 1594. MAY 20. *Receits.*—In primis received of the old churchwardens, Thomas Warde and Robert Fawdon,

iij l. vj s. x d. Item received for twoe lames the viij day of June, v s. viij d. Item received for twoe weathers and a tuppe the xxvij day of July, xxj s. Item received for thre yeowes and thre lames the third day of August, xij s. Item received for a stone and a half of woule the xj day of November, xij s. Item received for sixe shepe skins, ij s. x d. Item received of William Hall of Shaudfurth for his unckle Raiph Hall's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item received of Nicolas Blanat (*Blackat?*)[1] for his child's lairstall, xx d. Item received for thre lames which went at Ludworth the x of May, ix s. iiij d. Item received for Herrie Cooke's wive's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item George Linsay for his wive's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. *Summa*, vj l. xviij s. vj d.; vij l. xvj d.

Expenses.—In primis paied to John Brockie for twoe fother of lyme the xxv day of June, v s. iiij d. Item more paied for leadinge the same to Jarrat Robinson and Nicolas Yonger, xvj d. Item for carriynge in the same, ij d. Item paied to John Scotte and his man for a daie's worke at the church for makinge and settinge uppe a stay for the steple,[2] the last of October, xvj d. Item payed for sharpinge the church hacke the same day, j d. Item paied to the masons for pinninge and plaisteringe the steple where it was rent the same day, xij d. Item payed for drinke to the wrightes and masons the same day,[2] vij d. Item paied for thre weathers which were bought on S[t] Cuthbert day,[3] xv s. vj d. Item given to M[r] Prentis and his deputes when we were commanded to present all such falts and defalts as wer within our parish to him at the feast of S[t] Michaell, xx d. And for our dinners the same day, xij d. Item for certifyinge him accordinge to certen artickles which he gave us out the same day, ij d. And for our expenses,

(1) The name *Blanat* does not appear in the contemporary register of burials, but *Robert Blackat* does.

(2) This is the first intimation of cracks appearing in the tower of the church. This year it was first propped, and then pinned and plastered, and two masons were sent for to view it. For its more thorough repair, including the buttressing which now supports it, see years 1602, 1608, 1609.

(3) St. Cuthbert's Day occurs also in the Houghton book, viz. September 4 (see A.D. 1604 in that book and other years). This was the Feast of the *Translation* of St. Cuthbert, having an octave, in the York and Sarum Calendars. The Commemoration of the death (*obit*) of St. Cuthbert, alone recognised in the *Martyrologium Romanum*, was March 20. The Fridays after both days are still fair-days at Durham. At one of these fairs we may conclude that the 'weathers' were bought.

iiij d. Item given for drinke to two masons which came to se our steple, iij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas, ——. Item given for twoe daies worke in mendinge and plaisteringe the leades with lyme above the church the xxiij of November, xx d. Item paied for mendinge the spade iron the same day, ij d. Item given for Rogge monie the xxvj day of Aprill, vj s. Item given for layinge down thre lairstalls, vj d. Item given for Soldier monie, iiij s. iiij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Easter, vj d. Item given for kepinge our reckninge booke and writing our business as haith bene accustomed, xij d. *Summa*, 2 l. 3 s. 3 d.

The charges deducted, their remaines in the churchwardens' hands, *Summa*, iiij l. xvij s. xj d.

MAIJ 29 A° 1595.

The election of the newe churchwardens for this next year: James Huntley and John Scott.

JUNE I.—Shepe belonginge to this parishe the day and year above writne as followeth. At Ludworth thre yeowes and two weathers. At Shaudforth a yowe and a tuppe. At Shearburne a yowe and a lame and two hoggs. At Pittington Halgarth fower yowes and fower lames. At South Pittington ——. At Hetton on the hill twoe weathers. At Pittington hill one weather.

1595. JUNE I.—The Stint of the shepe belonging to this parish set downe by the xij men as followeth. In primis at Ludworth five shepe. At Shaudforth five. At Shearburne five. At Pittington Hallgarth five. At South Pittington twoe. At North Pittington twoe. At Pittington hill one. At Hetton on the hill twoe. In all xxvij shepe. *Jesus Christ be blessed and praised now & ever more. Amen.*

1595. JUNE I.—Memorandum that Mr Vicker is content the day and year abovewritne that so longe as he dothe finde bread and wyne for the communion, haveing ij d. yearlie of everie house for the same, he to give everie year a lame to the use of the parish, or the price of a lam as the common sort paye when he letteth them their own tyth lams. William Murray, Vicar.

Receypts by the foresaid James Huntley and John Scott.—In primis they have in their hande at their entrye in monney iiij l. xvij s. xj d. Item received for a tuppe and a yeowe solde

by James Huntley upon St. Cuthbert day [1] in harvest, viij s. Item received for a stone and a halfe of woule at the feast of St Michaell, x s. Item received for fower lames which wer bred at Pittington Hallgarthe, viij s. x d. Item received for Robert Swalwell's lairestall of his brother John Swalwell, iij s. iiij d. Item received for an old yow which we killed, iij s. *Summa*, vj l. v s. j d.

1595. JUNE I. *Expenses.*—In primis paied to William Ourde of Shaudforth for twoe weathers which we bought of him the xiiij day of June, x s. viij d. Item given to the glasner for repairinge of glas windowes which wer brokne in the church, iij s. iiij d. Item given to a laborer for servinge the glasner, vj d. Item given for fower dinmont shepe the Saturday before Lammas, xvj s. Item given to the sumners the ix day of July at my Lord's visitation,[2] x d. And to our examiner the same day, xx d. And for our expenses the same day, xvj d. Item laid furth at Lammas when we wer called before the Judges for our recusants:[3] for an Indytment, vj d., and for our expenses, viij d. Item laid forth at the Feast of St Martin, when we wer called before Doctor Coulmore for our churchyard wall, thre severall daies,[4] ij s. Item given for drinke to the ringgers

(1) See last note.

(2) The primary visitation of Tobias Matthew, bishop 1595–1606.

(3) This is the first instance alluded to of the action of the temporal courts in matters of religion. It will be found frequent afterwards.

(4) This was probably with reference to the part of the churchyard wall which was alleged to 'belong to Byersgarth.' (See *supra*, A.D. 1584, 1585, 1586.) The churchwardens, cited to the Consistory Court (see Appendix B), had probably pleaded the liability of Byersgarth. The case seems to have been one of some difficulty from the length of the proceedings before the Chancellor. Afterwards in this same year the churchwardens make supplication to the justices on the same subject, and wait two days for a decision. The Chancellor may have directed them to apply to the quarter sessions, on the ground that it was a case for the temporal courts. For the law is that 'the parishioners are bound to repair the fence of their churchyard, though, if the owner of lands adjoining the churchyard have used time out of mind to repair so much of the fence thereof as adjoineth to their ground, such custom is a good custom, and the churchwardens have an action at the common law for the same. Nevertheless, if the churchwardens sue a person in the Court Christian in such a case, a prohibition will lie: for this ought to be tried at the common law, inasmuch as this is to charge a temporal inheritance' (Burn's *Ecclesiastical Law*, vol. i. p. 346). Subsequently, this same year, we find the churchwardens, by order of the vestry, delivering a supplication (presumably in the same case) to 'my Lord' at the Lent Assizes, to which higher court the justices may have referred them. They do not appear to have got the redress they sought, for in 1597, two years later, we find the disputed part of the wall still in ruin.

upon the Coronation day, vj d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas, iiij d. Item laid furth upon the twelf even when we wer calde before Doctor Coulmore[1] to give in the names of all our recusants, to Thomas Kinge for writinge our presentment, xij d. And for our expenses, we, Mr Vicker, and our sidemen, xvj d. Item for our expenses at the Quarter Sessions when we wer before the Justices upon the Wednsday after the xij day givynge in our Supplication for the churchyard wall, and remained their for an answere twoe daies; and for a quora nomina, xvj d. Item laid forth upon Aswedensday when we wer commanded by the xij men to deliver in a supplication to my Lorde at the gail deliverie; for our expenses, viij d. Item given for washinge the churchclothes at Easter, iiij d. Item given to Thomas Kinge the xx day of Aprill, when we wer commanded to be before Doctor Coulmore, xij d. And for our dinners, we and our sydmen, the same day, xvj d. Item for our expenses the xxj day when we wer before Mr Tunstall and Mr Huton,[2] vj d. Item paied to Dr Colemore for Sogermonie the xv day of May, iiij s. iiij d. And for our charges the same day, ij d. Item for layinge downe Robert Swalwell's lairstall, ij d. Item for dightinge the leads, iiij d. Item given for keepinge this reckninge booke and writinge our busines therein as hath been accustomed, xij d. [Item paid for drinke and bread when we wer at the high waies in Mr Cockson's field.[3]] *Summa declara*, 3 l. 13 s. 3 d.

ANNO 1596. MAY XXII.

It is set downe by the xij men the day and year above writne that the churchwardens, James Huntley and John Scotte, shall take the advise and councell of some of the xij men in byinge and sellinge of their shepe and woule and for the furnishinge of their stint in shepe.

(1) The Spiritual Chancellor. The laws against recusancy seem to have been strictly enforced this year. The churchwardens were twice summoned to the Consistory Court on the subject, as well as to the Assizes.

(2) Ralph Tunstall, S.T.B. (Archdeacon of Northumberland and Prebendary of Durham), appears to have succeeded Dethick for a short time as official of the Dean and Chapter. He sat as such (as appears from the Act-book of the officialty) at a court in St. Oswald's Church, Apr. 21, 1596; but in the following February, and afterwards, Edward Hutton, S.T.B. At the visitation attended by our churchwardens this year both seem to have sat together. Afterwards we find Mr. Hutton only.

(3) This entry has been erased. For further reference to the road 'in Mr. Cockson's field' see *Memorandum*, A.D. 1614.

ANNO 1596. MAY XXIII.—The Election of the Churchwardens for this year followinge; James Huntly and John Scotte. Shepe belonginge to this parish the day and year above writne. At Ludworth thre yeowes and twoe weathers and twoe lams. At Shaudforth fower weathers. At Shearburne twoe yeowes and twoe lams. At Pittington Hallgarth fower yeowes and fower lams and a weather hogge. At Hetton on hill twoe weathers. At Pittington hill one weather. With Mr Vicker twoe lams.

1596. MAY XXIII.—Memorandum that Henrie Wright and Thomas Warde have given their words unto the xij men the day and year above writne, that they shall se that James Huntly and John Scotte, churchwardens for this year, shall at the Ascention day next comynge pay unto the said xij men all such summes of money as shall be found dewe unto the parishe by the xij men at the deliveringe up of their accounts, and if they doe not paie it, the said Henrie Wright and Thomas Warde to pay it themselves. In witnes whereof they have hearunto set their hands in the presence of the said xij men. Thomas Warde's mark X.

Receits by the foresaid James Huntly and John Scot as followeth; In primis they have at their entrie in mony, 3 l. 13 s. 3 d. Item received for fower lams the fourth day of June, x s. Item received of Henry Wrangham for his child's lairstall the xx day of June, xx d. Item received for twoe stone of woule the third day of July, xiij s. Item received for twoe weathers which went at Hetton on the hill, xvj s. Item received of Mr Vicker for a lame,[1] xx d. *Summa*, v l. xv s. vij d.

Expences.—In primis paied to the glasner for mendinge glasse windowes which were brokne in the church, x d. Item given for servinge him with lyme and such things as he needed, iiij d. Item given for walling up a window in the church, x d. Item given for lainge downe a lairstall, ij d. Item given to the sumner the xv day of July, when we wer commanded to be at St Uswold's before Mr Huton, iiij d. And for our expenses the same day, viij d. Item given for twoe weathers the second day of July, viij s. Item given for our expenses the xxvj day of August, when we wer commanded to present all such falts as wer within our parish at St Uswold's

(1) See the Vicar's agreement with the parish, A.D. 1595.

before Mr Huton, iiij d. Item given for drinke to the ringgers upon the Coronation day, vj d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas, vj d. Item given for tarre and butter to make it with for mending the church shepe in Shearburne, iij d. Item given for a bell stringe, xxij d. Item given to Thomas Kinge the third day of Fabruarie when we wer at St Uswold's, before Mr Huton and received the Privie Councell's letter concerninge the fast,[1] xviij d. And for our expenses the same day, viij d. Item given for our expenses the xvij day of Fabruarie, when we wer in with the letter concernynge the men which lay in bondage under the Turke, iiij d. Item given for mendinge the church hacke, iiij d. Item given to Richard Johnson for soldier monie, the v day of March, iiij s. iiij d. And for our expenses the same day, iiij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Easter, vj d. Item given for a swill, j d. Item given to Thomas Kinge the vj day of Aprill, when we wer commanded to be at St Uswold's before Mr Huton, xij d. And for our dinners the same day, viij d. Item given for dightinge the leads this year, vj d. Item given for kepinge this reckninge booke and writinge our busines therein as hath bene accustomed, xij d. Item given for a shoull, viij d. Item given for a boull of iron to mend a bell, ij d. *Summa*, xxvj s. viij d. *Summa declara*: iiij l. viij s. xj d.

Anno 1597.

About St Ellenmas[2] Mr Deane keepinge Court here att Pittington, complaint was maide to him by Mr Hutton and others for that part of the churchyard wall which belongeth to Byersgarth that it was in ruyne, the said Mr Deane gave toward the

(1) Probably on the occasion of the Expedition to Cadiz, which was made this year, 1596. Cf. 'A Prayer set forth by authority to be used for the Prosperous Success of her Majesty's Forces and Navy;' also 'A Prayer made by the Queen at the Departure of the Fleet' (*Liturgical Services of Qu. Elizabeth*, Parker Soc., p. 665). She is said also to have herself composed a prayer for her own use, and another to be used daily in the fleet. It appears from the Houghton book that fasts had been ordered to be observed every Wednesday and Friday.

(2) May 3, the Feast of the Invention of the Cross. Cf. 'Ad festum Sanctæ Elenæ Virginis,' and 'In festo Sanctæ Elenæ Reginæ' (*Newminster Cartulary*, Surtees Soc., vol. lxvi. pp. 153, 258). Cf. also 'due at the last St. Ellenmas Court' (*Household Book of Lord Wm. Howard*, *ib.* A.D. 1877 . . p. 141). The court held by the Dean would be his manorial court.

repayringe of it ij s., which was gyven to Nicholas Younger of Pittington by the said Mr Hutton, to uphould the same for one whole yere. By me William Murray, Vicar.

ANNO 1597. MAY 8.—Churchwardens elected for this year followinge, William Ourd and John Scot. Shepe belongygnge to this parish the day and year above writne and delivered to them. At Ludworth twoe yeoues and two lames, a weather and a hogge. At Shaudforth five weathers. At Shearburne twoe yeowes, twoe lams, and a dinmont. At Hallgarth five yeowes. At North Pittington twoe lams. At Pittington hill one lame. At Hetton on the hill twoe weathers. At South Pittington twoe lams.

Item the forsaid churchwardens have received in monie the day and year above writne, iiij l. viij s. xj d. Item received for a weather which went at Ludworth the xx day of May, viij s. Item received for five lams which went at Pittington Hallgarth the second day of June, xij s. vj d. Item received for a stone of woull the xxv day of June, vj s. Item more received for nyne pound and a half of woule, iij s. viij d. Item received for thre weathers, xxij s. Item more received for two yeowes, xij s. *Summa*, vij l. xiij s. j d.

Expenses.—In primis Laid forth by the foresaid churchwardens, William Ourd and John Scot, for a weather bought in Shaudforth, vj s. iiij d. Item given for five lames, vj s. x d. Item given for mendinge a bell coller iiij d. Item given for besomes, j d. Item given for paper, j d. Item given for our expenses the first day of June, when we were at St. Uswold's before Mr. Huton about the church yard wall, vj d. Item given for driveinge the church shepe frome Shaudforth to Hetton on the hill, and some to Pittington, ij d. Item given for clipping five sheep, j d. Item paid to Thomas Kinge the xviij day of November, when we wer commanded to present all falts within this parish to Mr Huton, xij d. And to the sumner the same day, iiij d. And for writinge our presentment the same day, ij d. And for our charges the same day, viij d. Item given for twoe swills the x day of December, ij d. Item given to the glasner the same day for mendinge thre glasse windowes in the church, ij s. iiij d. Item given to William Ourde for helpinge the

Occasion had been taken of his presence in the parish to draw his attention to the part of the churchyard wall which the owners of Byersgarth still refused to repair. Subsequently, this same year, we find the churchwardens before the official's court on the subject; but no result appears.

glasner the same day, iij d. Item given for drinke to the ringers upon the Coronation day, vj d. Item paied for the plumer's dinner the xj of December, when he came to se the church leades, iiij d. Given to John Hardin for makinge a natt for the wyves to knele on when they come to be churched,[1] ij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmes, vj d. Item given for fower weathers the xxiij day of Fabruarie, xxi s. iiij d. Item given to Robert Flemin for dightinge of harnes,[2] iij s. Item given to Mr Vicker for bindinge the twoe Communion books, xvj d. Item payed to Doctor Colemore for Soldier monie the xix day of Marche, iiij s. vj d. Item given to Mr Huton the xij day of Aprill, when we wer commanded to present unto him in the Gallilye at Durham all such falts and defalts as wer within our parish, xij d. Item given to the sumner the same day, iiij d. Item for our expenses the same day, viij d. Item given to John Scot for a daie's worke about the church in makinge and settinge twoe styles for the churchyard wall, x d. Item given to Mr. Huton the xxvj day of Aprill, when we wer before him at his visitation in the Gallilie at Durham, xij d. And to the sumner the same day, iiij d. And

(1) I.e. a mat (Low Latin, *natta*; French, *natte*). 'One knat' occ. in Inventory in Raine's *North Durham*, 117. '1531. for nates 1d.' Leverton Ch. W. Accounts: *Archæologia*, xli. 353. The procuring of 'a natt' for the same purpose appears also in the Houghton book in the following year, 1598. It may have been ordered by the ordinary. The ancient place for churchings was 'ante ostium ecclesiæ.' This was altered in 1549 to 'the choir door,' and in 1552 to 'nigh unto the table.' The present rubric directs only 'in some convenient place, as hath been accustomed, or as the Ordinary shall direct.' The 'accustomed place' still varies in different parishes, though it is most usually at the altar-rails. Bishop Wren's 'Orders and Injunctions for the Diocese of Norwich,' A.D. 1636, enjoin, 'That women to be churched come and kneel at a side near the Communion Table without the rail.' The Bishop of Durham (Tobias Matthew) may have given some direction on the subject, so as to account for these similar entries about the same time in the two parishes.

(2) 'Dighting' means dressing, or furbishing, or, generally, putting into order. The leads of the church roof are also 'dighted' from time to time. The 'harness' was the armour for military service which parishes had to maintain. Similarly at Houghton we find the 'harness' or 'armour' annually 'dressed' from the beginning of the book of that parish. In the town parish of St. Oswald there is no allusion to any. In the parish of Pittington the harness of Byersgarth and of Hetton on the Hill is, in the years that follow, similarly 'dighted,' which seems to show that the several estates had been anciently required to supply their several contingents. In 1620, and afterwards, muskets and 'costolets' (*cutlasses?*) were bought, to meet the requirements of the time, special cessments being made for the purpose. So also at Houghton.

for our expenses the same day, viij d. Item more given for our expenses the xj day of May, when we wer before Mr. Huton with our other presentmen, iiij d. Item given for a weather shepe the xvij day of May v s. iiij d. Item given for besomes, j d. Item given for driveinge two shepe from Pittington Hallgarth to Hetton on the Hill, j d. Item given for writinge our busines heareine as hath bene accustomed, xij d. *Summa*, iij l. v s. viij d. *Summa declara*, iiij l. vij s. v d.

1598.

Expenses.—In primis laid forth by the foresaid Churchwardens, William Stoddart and William Ourde, the xiiij day of June at my Lord's visitation to John Kinge, xxij d. To the sumners, viij d. For our expenses the same day, we and our sydemen, ij s. vj d. Item paied for twoe lames the xxiiij day of June, v s. iiij d. Item given for a precept concernyng the keeping of the Register booke, to Thomas Kinge, xij d. And for our expenses, viij d. Item given to the slater for beamfillinge [1] the leads about the church the xiiij day of July, x d. Item given to a laborer for serveinge him the same day, v d. Item given to Robert Lighton for dightinge the leads the xiij day of July, ij d. Item given for 3 lams the xv day of July, viij s. iiij d. And for expenses the same day, iiij d. Item paied for toull for the same lames, j d. Item paied for washinge the sirpcloth the same day, vj d. Item paied to Robert Bateson, Mr Anderson's man, for exactions for the releife of souldiers mareners, and gaoles, the third of September, ix s. Item given to the glasner for mendinge the windowe in the west end of the church and other windowes besyde the xx day of September, ij s. vj d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christmas, vj d. Item given for layinge downe a lairstall the xxij day of December, ij d. Item given to George Halliday for a fox head, iiij d. Item given by the consent of all the xij which wer then present for dightinge the armour which belongs to Byersgarth and Hetton on the hill, iiij s. Item given for our newe Register booke, x s. Item given for layinge the church hacke, x d. Item given for our charges the xx day of March, when we wer before Mr Deane and Mr Swifte [2] for mending the window in the

(1) 'Beamfilling,' *i.e.* filling up between the roof and the walls on which it rests; a term still in use.

(2) Robert Swifte, Rector of Sedgefield and Prebendary of the first stall, had been the Bishop's Spiritual Chancellor till 1579, when Thomas

quere, vj d. Item paied for our charges the xvij day of Aprill, when we wer at my Lord's Visitation, xij d. Item given to Robert Lighton for besomes and poulinge the skin of a deede hogge, ij d. Item given for writinge our busines hearin as hath bene accustomed, xij d. Item given to the clark for writting the register booke of Christenings &c., ij s. *Summa* liiij s. viij d. *Summa Declara*, iij l. xvij s. j d.

Anno 1599. Maii 27.

Churchwardens appointed for this yere by the consent of the most part of the twelve men. Raiph Huntley and Steven Herrington.

Memorandum, that the foresaid Churchwardens have receyved att theire entry in money, iij l. xvj s. Also receyved of Mr Cockson the same day for a weather, vij s.

Shepe which the said Churchwardens received lykwise the day and year above writne. In primis at Ludworth a yeowe and a lame, a dinmont, a gimer, and a hogge. Item at Shaudforth five weathers. Item at Shearburne twoe weathers, a yeowe, and a lame. Item at Pittington Hallgarth fower yeowes and thre lames. Item at Towne of Pittington twoe weather dinmont hogges. Item on Pittington hill a yeowe and a lame. Item at Hetton on the hill two dinmonts. Item received for a lame solde of Pittington hill the viij day of July, iij s. iiij d. Item received for thre lames the xxix of August, ix s. Item received for twoe stone of woull the xxiij of December, xij s. Item received for a hogge skin which dyed at Ludworth the ix day of June, vj d. Item received for a weather skinne which dyed at Shaudforth the xj of June ij d. Item received for a dinmont skinne which dyed at Hetton on the hill the xiij day of December xij d. Item received for a yeowe skin which died at Pittington Hallgarth the xxix day of December, x d. *Summa*, 5 l. 11 s. 6 d.

Expenses (1599).—In primis laid forth by the foresaid churchwardens, Steven Herrington and Raiph Huntley, the v of July, when we wer before Mr Huton at St Uswold's to the sumner by the commandement of Mr Huton, xvj d. And for our expenses the same day, viij d. Item given for our expenses

Burton succeeded him. This may have been an application by the parish to the Dean and Chapter, as rectors, to repair the chancel windows.

the xiij day of July when we gave in a bill to the Justices declareinge what order we had taken for the pore,[1] viij d. Item given for our expenses the third day of August, when (*we*) wer commanded to bringe in answere againe concernynge the orderynge of the poore within our parishe, iiij d. Item given for a newe spade for the seconde of August, ix d. Item given for paper, j d. Item given to Mr Calverlaie's man for Rogge monie, the xvj day of August, viij s. Item given for mendinge and washinge the sirpcloth the xvij of August, x d. Item given to the sumner the thirde day of October, by the commandement of Mr Huton, when we wer commanded to present all such falts and defalts as wer within our parishe, xvj d. And for our expenses the same day, xij d. Item given for besomes the fourth of October, j d. Item given for our expenses and the

(1) This is the first notice of provision for the relief of the poor; consequent on the poor law of 39 Eliz. (A.D. 1598). The churchwardens, &c., are several times before the justices on the subject this year and in the years following. Anciently the maintenance of the poor had been mainly an ecclesiastical concern, though before the reign of Elizabeth there had been some legislation with regard to it. By 27 H. VIII. c. 25 the churchwardens or two others of every parish were required to make collections for the poor on Sundays. By 5 & 6 Edw. VI. c. 2 the minister and churchwardens were to appoint annually two or more 'gatherers' or 'collectors' of alms for the poor. But our present poor-law system dates from the reign of Elizabeth. By 5 Eliz. c. 3 the election of the 'collectors' was given to the parishioners. By 14 Eliz. c. 5 (A.D. 1573) the *justices* were empowered to appoint such 'collectors,' and also one 'overseer' for the poor, in every parish; and compulsory rates were authorised. Then came 39 Eliz. c. 3 (A.D. 1598), by which the churchwardens of every parish and four substantial householders there, to be nominated yearly in Easter week by two justices, were to be called overseers of the poor of the same parish. After this was 43 Eliz. c. 2 (A.D. 1602), which constitutes in the main our poor-law system. In the parish of Pittington it was not till 1623 that two 'overseers of the poor' appear to have been annually elected by the Easter vestry; but by 39 Eliz. the churchwardens were themselves overseers, and others may have been nominated meanwhile by the justices, with whom the appointment really rests. Observe the 'precept' before the end of this present year (1599) to the 'overseers of the poor.' We find in this parish no special poor rate ordered or collected till the year 1648, notwithstanding the power of exacting one given in 1573. There were probably few destitute persons in the parish, and such as there were may have been sufficiently aided from the 'stock of the poor,' or from collections. The office of 'collector,' seen above to have been earlier than that of 'overseer,' is shown to have continued by an entry in 1618, when the 'collectors,' as well as the 'overseers,' receive a warrant from the justices. After 1648 poverty seems to have increased in the parish, the 'cesses' for the poor being thenceforth regular and often heavy.

constables the xxiiij of October, when we were together with M[r] Vicker, makinge our answere in writinge unto certen articles which we wer sworne to enquire of by the Justices, x d. Item given for expenses when we delivered in the said artickles, iiij d. Item given for a swill the last of December, j d. Item given to the plumer for mendinge the church leads the fourth day of Januarie, x s. Item given for a bell stringe the xvj of Fabruarie, xxij d. Item given to Robert Lighton for dightinge the church leads the xx of Fabruarie, ij d. Item given to the sumners the third day of Aprill, when we wer before M[r] Huton in the Gallilye of Durham with our presentment, xvj d. And for our expenses the same day, xviij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Easter, vj d. Item given to M[r] Deane's[1] clerke for writinge the precept to the overseers of the poore the xix of Aprill, iiij d. Item given for a copie of the Statute for the Government of the poore, vj d. Item given for besomes the xxiij of Aprill, j d. Item given for writinge our busines hearin as hathe bene accustomed, xij d. xxxiiij s. 3 d. *Summa Declara*, 3 l. 17 s. 3 d.

Anno 1600. May 1.

The election of the newe Churchwardens for this yere; John Swalwell of Ludworth and Steven Herrington.

Receits.—In primis received in monie at there entringe, 3 l. 17 s. 7 d. Item received for twoe stone of woull, xiij s. Item received for a yeowe skinne which dyed at Ludworth the xix of December, xv d. Item received for a yowe which was soulde to Raiph Simson the xxij of December, iij s. x d. Item received for a hogge skynne which dyed at Pittington Hallgarthe the second of Januarie, vj d. Item received for Richard Wrangham's lairstall the xxiiij of May, iij s. iiij d. Item receyed of Nicholas Newby for his brother's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved for a weather skinne, xij d. *Summa*, v l. ij s. vj d.

Expences.—In primis laid forth by the foresaid Churchwardens, John Swalwell and Steven Herington, the xxj of June, for six shepe hogges, xxix s. Item given for a quarte of ter the

(1) From this and other entries, in this and the Houghton books. the Dean appears to have been chairman of the sessions. He is not acting here in his ecclesiastical capacity. The Dean at this time was William James, made Bishop of Durham in 1606.

vj of June, iij d. Item given to the sumner the first day of October, when we wer before Mr Huton, xvj d. Item given for our expences the same day, xij d. Item given to the smith of Pittington for makeinge a claspe and a horter to the great bell the xxix of November, vj d. Item given for shepe salve the third of December, iiij d. Item given for besomes the same day, j d. Item given for a bell coller the sixt day of March, xij d. Item given for washing the church clothes before Easter, vj d. Item given to the sumner the xxj of Aprill, when we wer before Mr Huton, and for our expenses the same day, xviij d. Item given to Mr Dean's man for writinge certen artickles concernynge the recusants the xxij of Aprill, vj d. And for our expences the same day, iiij d. Item given for layinge down twoe lairstalls the xvij of Aprill, iiij d. Item given to Edwarde Hodgeon for glasninge certen windowes in the church the xxiij of Aprill, vj s. Item payd to Mr. Calverlai's clerke for Rogge monie and Soger monie the v of June, viij s. viij d. Item given for writinge our busines hearin as hath bene accustomed, xij d. *Summa*, liij s. viij d.

Anno 1600. May 4.—Shepe belongynge to this parish the day and year above writne. In primis at Ludworth a yeow, a lame, and a weather hogge. Item at Shaudforth five weathers. Item at Shearburne a yeowe and a lame, a weather, and a riggalde hogge. Item at Pittington Hallgarth thre yeowes and twoe lames. Item at North Pittington twoe weathers. Item at Pittington hill a yeowe and a lame. Item at Hetton on the hill a tuppe.

A.D. 1601.

[N.B.--The accounts of this year are imperfect, a leaf having been torn out.]

Expenses.—In primis given to our examiner at my Lord's visitation in St Nicholas Church in Durham the xv of July, xxij d. To the sumner, viij d. And for our expences the same day, xxij d. Item given for a dinmont and a gimer hogge the xxij of July, vj s. viij d. Item given for a swill the same day, j d. Item given for clypinge two weathers at Pittington, j d. Item given for a shule the xviij day of July, v d. Item given for fower yeowes and a weather hogge the xxj of December, xix s. Item to Mr Lightfote manne the xiij day of August for Soldier monie, viij s. viij d. Item given for our charges the

xvij day of December when we wer summond to be before Dr Colemore, viij d. Item given to the glasner for mendinge a windowe in the Church the xij day of Fabruarie, xxij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Easter, vj d. Item given to Mr Lightfote man for a note which we had frome the Justices concernynge the poore, vj d. For our charges the same day, viij d. Item given to the sumner the last day of Aprill when we wer before Mr Huton in the Gallilie, xvj d. And for our charges the same day, viij d. Item given for our charges the xxij day of May when we delivered a presentment to Maister Huton,[1] vj d. Item given for writinge our busines

(1) Several presentments from our parish to the Official Court appear about this time in the Act-book. See Appendix B. They are principally for fornication and adultery. That referred to here may have been of George Thompson and Margaret Hall, accused of fornication before marriage. The proceedings in this case may be here noted by way of specimen. Cited to the Court, neither of them appeared; whereupon they were excommunicated, and cited to the next Court, at which Thompson appeared in person, and was, as usual, put upon his oath (the oath *ex officio*, finally prohibited by the statute of 13 Car. 2, c. 12), and confessed. Had he denied the charge, he would have been required to purge himself at a subsequent Court, *i.e.* to produce a certain number (four, six, or more) of credible neighbours to swear they believed him innocent. If these *compurgatores* had satisfied the Court, he would have been acquitted; had he failed in his purgation, he would have been condemned as guilty. The sentence on him and Margaret Hall was one act of penance in their parish church: 'Dominus injunxit eis ad confitendum crimen in ecclesia, &c., in vestibus solitis (i.e. *lineis*) ante receptionem rerum divinarum, et ad certificandum in prox.' In grosser cases the parties were often required to do such penance on two or three successive Sundays in church, and also on as many market-days in the market-place of Durham. Before the Reformation the discipline was still more severe, fustigation round the church being often enjoined, so as to 'whip the offending Adam out of them.' (See *Depositions and Ecclesiastical Proceedings*, Surt. Soc., vol. 21.) The following order, found on a loose paper in the Chapter Act-book aforesaid, is interesting as showing the form of penance, often witnessed formerly in Pittington and other parish churches. 'Dunelm. in ecclesia Sti Oswoldi, 17 Febr., 1596. To the curate of Merrington. John Colson of your parish and Mary White, having committed fornication together, are enjoyned penance in your church on Sonday next; to stand in their lyning apparell in tyme of dyvine service, and penitently to confesse their sinne as followeth:—" Whereas we, deare friends, forgetting our dueties to Almighty God our Heavenly Father, have by the instigation of the divell committed the detestable synne of fornication, whereby we most rightly have deserved God's heavy wrath and indignation against us, except His mercy do surmount our deserving; But trusting He will be mercifull unto us, and forgive us this and all other our offences which here before you we doe confesse, and are most heartily sorre for the same, we most humbly desier you all to joyne with us in that heavenly praier which

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hearin as hathe bene accustomed, xij d. And for beesoms, j d. *Summa*, xlvij s.

Anno 1602. Maii 26.

The election of the newe Churchwardens for this yere followinge by the consent of the xij men, Thomas Simsou and Rowland Heddrington.

Shepe in this parish att this day. Att Ludworth fower yeowes, a weather, and 3 lams. Att Shaudforth fower yeowes, a weather hogge, and 3 lams. Att Shereborn fower yeowes, two hogs, and a tupp, and 3 lams. At Pittington Hallgarth ——. Att North Pittington a yow and a lam. Att Pittington hill a yow and a lame. Att Hetton on the hill a dinmont. Att South Pittington ——.

Receyts. 1602.—The saide churchwardens receyved att theire entry in monney, iij l. vj s. Item receyved the xx day of Maij for 3 lams which went at Shereburn, vij s. x d. Item received for five lames which went at Ludworth and Shaudforth the xij day of June, xiij s. Item received for two fat lames the first day of July, vj s. Item received for twoe stone and six pound of woule the third day of July, xxij s. vj d. Item received for a weather which went at Hetton on the hill the first of July, vj s. viij d. Item received for a yeowe and a tuppe the xxiij of September, xiij s. Item received of John Swalwell for his child's lairstall the xv of September, xx d. Item received of John Swalwell for another child's lairstall the xv of May, xx d. Item received for twoe lames which went at Pittington Hallgarth the xix of May, vj s. viij d. Item received for a weather which went at Hetton on the hill the xxix of May, vij s. viij d. Item received for eleven lames (2 s. 8 d. a peece) the xxviij of May, xxix s. 4 d. Item received for a weather which went at Ludworth the first day of June, ix s. Item received of Henrie Cooke for a lairstall the second of June, 3 s. 4 d. *Summa*, ix l. xviij s. iiij d.

Expenses. 1602.—In primis given to Mr Docter Colemore for Soldier monie the third day of July, viij s. viij d. Item given to Mergret Sheraton for bearinge twoe stone of woule to Durham the same day, ij d. Item given for five yeowes the

our Saviour Christ haith taught us, saing, Our Father, &c." And he must then rehearse the Catechisme, or the ten Commandements at the least. Like penance he must doe in the markett at Durham on Satterday next.'

xvij of July, xxviij s. j d. And for our expenses the same day, iij d. Item given to the sumner the xiiij day of October when we wer before Mr Huton, xvj d. And for our charges the same day, viij d. Item given for besomes the 7 of November, j d. Item given to the glasner for mending twoe windowes in the church, iij s. iij d. Item given to John Scotte for settinge a stay to the Steple[1] the viij of November, xviij d. Item given for drinke to the ringers on the Coronation day, vj d. Item paid for twoe yeowes the xx day of November, x s. Item given for a bell stringe the xij day of November, ij s. vj d. Item given for washinge the church clothes, iiij d. Item given to the sumner the x day of May when we wer before Mr Huton, xvj d. And for our charges the same day, xij d. Item given for laying down a lairstall, 2 d. Item given for a penne wherin we kept eleven lams which we sold the xviij day of May, 2 d. And for our charges the same day, 2 d. Item for wrighting this booke of accounts, xij d. And for copiynge of the Register booke of christnings weddinges and buryalls which was given into the court, ij s. *Summa*, iii l. iii s. ij d.

ANNO 1603. JUNII 2.

The election of the newe churchwardens by the consent of the xij men of this parishe for this yere followinge; Henry Wrangham and William Pearson.

In primis the saide churchwardens receyved att theire entry in monney, vj l. xv s. ij d. Item received for twoe stone and twoe pounde of woule, xxij s. iij d. Item received for a weather the xvij day of Marche which went at Shaudforth, viij s. Item received of Nicolas Blackat the xix day of May for a lairstall, iij s. iiij d. The summa of all the receits, viij l. viij s. ix d. *Summa declara*, v l. xvj s. vj d.

ANNO 1603. JUNII 5.—Sheepe in this parishe att this day belonging to the Churche. Att Ludworth, fower yowes. Att Shaudforth, fower yowes and a weather. Att Halgarth, fower yowes. Att Shereborn, fyve yowes. Att North Pittington, two yowes and a lamb. Att Pittington hill, a yow and a lamb. Att Hetton on the hill ——. Att South Pittington ——.

Expences.—In primis given to Mr Lightfote man for a note which we had frome the Justices concernynge the poore the xv of June, vj d. Item given for fower yeowes the xviij day of

(1) See above, A.D. 1594.

June, xxiij s. viij d. Item given for besomes the third of July, j d. Item to the glasner for mendinge twoe windowes in the Church the sixt day of September, iiij s. 4 d. Item given to the sumner the fourth day of October when we wer before Mr Huton, xvj d. And for our charges the same day, xviij d. Item given for swills and besome Octob. 9, ij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas and at Easter, viij d. Item given to Thomas Kinge for Souldere monie the last day of March, viij s. viij d. Item given for nales the vj of Aprill to mend decaied stalls in the church, ij d. Item given for five pounde and a half of sowder to mende the leads which were broken with the fall of a stone the xv day of Aprill, iij s. ij d. Item given to the plumer the same day for mendinge the leads, x d. Item given to the sumner the xvij day of Aprill when we wer before Mr Huton, xvj d. And for a copie of artickles, iiij d. And for our charges the same day, iiij d. Item for layinge downe a lairstall in the church, ij d. Item given to the sumner the viij day of May when we wer at my lord's visitation, viij d. And to our examiners the same day, xxij d. And for our charges the same day, xviij d. Item given for writinge our busines hearin as hath bene accustomed, xij d. *Summa*, 52 s. 3 d.

Maii 20. 1604.

Sheepe belonginge to this parishe. Att Ludworth v yowes and v lams. Att Shaudforth v yowes and v lams. Att Sheareburne v lams and v yowes. Att Halgarth v yowes and v lames. Att North Pittington 3 yowes and 3 lams, whereof one belongeth to Pittington hill. Att Hetton hill 2 dinmontes. Att South Pittington ——.

Maii 17. 1604. The election of the new churchwardens for this yere, appointed by the consent of the twelve :—Robert Dixon and George Taler the younger.

In primis the said churchwardens have received at ther entry in monie v l. 16 s. 6 d. Item received for two and twentie lames the xxix of May, iij l. iij s. vj d. Item received the xvj day of June for two stone and a half and thre pound of woule, xxiij s. j d. Item received for a yowe skinne which dyed at Pittington the xxx day of Marche, ix d. Item receyved for a lare stall of Robert Farrowe wyfe, xx d. Item receyved for an old yowe sould in Shaudforth, xx d. *Summa*, x l. vij s. ij d.

Expences.—In primis given for a pen wherin we kept our lames the xxix of May when when we sould them, ij d. Item given for washinge the church shepe and tar to merke them the xxx day of May, iiij d. Item for our charges the day we sould the lames, iiij d. Item given for the plumer's drinke the x day of June, when they came to se our work about the leads, viij d. Item given to the plumer the xv of June for five daies work in mendinge the leads about the church, v s. x d. And for fower pound and a half of soulder which was spent about the mendinge of the leads at the same tyme, ij s. vij d. Item given for candles to the plumer, j d. Item given to the masons the same day for tenne daies worke, vj s. viij d. Item given for twoe hundreth nales to the plumer, xiiij d. Item for our expences when we wer helpinge the plumer and masons about the church five daies, xx d. Item more given for other twoe pounde of powder [*sic, probably for* sowder. See above, 'for fower pound and a half of *soulder*,' and p. 52, 'for five pounde and a half of *sowder*'], xiiij d. Item given for a bell bawder [1] the xiiij day of July, xiiij d. Item given to our examiner the xxviij day of August, when we wer before the Justices with the cunstables and syde men, vj d. And for our dinners the same day, ij s. iiij d. Item given to Thomas Kinge, the xxix of September, for a collection made for Geneva,[2] xij d. Item geven for swills and besomes the xxv of November, ij d. Item given for lainge downe a lairstall the same day, ij d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas, iiij d. Item given to Mr Robert Couper for Souldiour monie the last of December, viij s. viij d. And to his mann for a quittance, ij d. Item for a collection for a towne which was burnt the vj of Januarie, xij d. Item given to our examiners the nynth of Aprill at my lord's visitation, xij d. Item given for our expenses the same day, iij s. vj d. Item given for writinge our busines hearin as hath bene accustomed, xij d. Item payed to the glasyer for mendinge the windowes Maij xvij, iiij s. vj d. *Summa*, xlvj s. ij d. *Summa declara*, viiij l. xij d.

(1) Properly baldrick, being the leather thong by which the clapper was formerly attached to the bell. The word continually occurs, and is variously spelt, in all the books.

(2) A 'collection for Geneva' appears this year also in the Houghton book.

Anno 1606. May 11.

Shepe bellongynge to this parish at this day. Att Ludwurth 4 yeowes and 3 lames and a weather hogg. Att Shaudfurth 3 yeowes, a gimer hogg, and a lame. Att Shearburne fower yeowes and 4 lames. At Hallgarth 5 yeowes and 5 lams. At North Pittington a weather hogge. At Pittington hill a yeowe and a lame. Att Hetton on the hill twoe weathers. Att South Pittington twoe hoggs and a lame.

Anno Domini 1605. April 2.

The election of the new churchwardons for this yere by the consent and agrement of Mr Vicar and the twelve men of this parishe: Robert Ruter and William Shaudforth of Shereburn; and sidemen, Herry Cooke and William Ord.

Mem. that the saide Churchwardons receyved att theire entry of the old Churchwardons, vij l. xvj s. Item received for an olde yeowe and a lame which went at Ludworth the xiij of May, v s. 4 d. Item received for eleven lames the xxv day of May, xxvij s. ij d. Item received for twoe weathers which went at Hetton on the hill the xv of June, xvj s. Item received for a lame skinne which was weried at South Pittington the last day of June, 4 d. Item for a lame skin which dyed at Ludworth, i d. Item received for twoe stone of woule lackinge thre pounde, xiij s. x d. Item received for a yeowe which went at Shaudforth, iij s. Item for a yeowe which went at Hallgarth, iiij s. iiij d. Item received for a yeowe which went at North Pittington, iij s. viij d. *Summa*, xj l. 9 s. 9 d.

Expenses. 1605.—In primis given for a pen for our shepe on Whitsontewesday when we sould them, 4 d. And for our drink the same day, 4 d. Item given to the sumner the vij of June when we wer before Mr Huton, xvj d. And for writinge our presentment, 4 d. Item for our charges the same day, viij d. Item given for two dinmontes the xiij day of June, x s. Item given for clipinge and driveinge of the same twoe shepe, ij d. Item given to Thomas Kinge the xxvj day of July when we wer before Mr Huton, iiij d. And for our expences the same day with our syde men, xxij d. Item given for our newe Communion booke the thre and twentie day of August, v s. iiij d. Item given to Mr Bryan Belasse (for Soldier monie) the xxij of September, viij s. 8 d. Item given to the sumner the xvij day

of October when we wer before Mr Huton, xvj d. And for our dinners the same day, xij d. Item given for our dinners the seventh of November when we wer before the Justices concerninge the recusantes,[1] xij d. Item given for a newe spade the nynth of November, ix d. Item given the same day for layinge the church hack with new iron, viij d. Item given for twoe thrave of strawe for the stalls in the church, vj d. Item given for our expences the xvj day of Januarie when we wer before the great Comission [2] concernynge the recusantes, vj d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Christenmas and at Easter, xij d. Item given to the sumner the xxix of Aprill when we wer before Mr Huton with our syde men, xvj d. And for our expences the same day, xvj d. Item given for writinge our busines herein as hath bene accustomed, xij d. Item given to the hird of Pittington for layinge a hogge, ij d. *Summa*, 39 s. ij d. *Summa declara*, to be payed to theire successours, x l. ix s. vj d.

ANNO 1606. APRILL XXII.

The election of the new churchwardens for this yere followinge by the consent of Mr Vicar and the xij men as followeth: William Shaudfourth and William Ord of Shauldfourthe; and sideman, Robert Ruter.

Mem. that the saide Churchwardens receyved att theire entrye, ix l. ix s. vj d. Item received for five lams sould in

(1) It will be observed that regular action of the Justices against recusants (known to have been severely exercised at this time under James I.) now begins, and is continued in following years. Usually the churchwardens have to attend the sessions twice a year, it being sometimes specified that they are there about their 'recusants.' This, be it further observed, was the year of the Gunpowder Plot, after which a new penal code against recusancy was enacted with additional severities.

(2) The Court of High Commission, which thus is seen to have acted at this time in our diocese in addition to the ordinary jurisdiction of the Spiritual Courts, and of the Justices and Judges of Assize. It was first instituted by the Act of 1 Eliz. c. i., which gave the Queen and her successors power perpetually to appoint commissioners for the exercise of the ecclesiastical jurisdiction which was declared to be thenceforth annexed to the Imperial Crown. For interesting extracts from an Act Book of this Court in the Diocese of Durham between 1636 and 1639, see *Surtees Soc. Publ.* vol. 34. A still earlier volume of Acts (including the years 1614, 1615, 1616), which has not been published, exists in the Registry of the Dean and Chapter.

Durham, x s. vj d. Item received of Thomas Simson for fyve lams, xj s. viij d. Item received of Robert Ruter for thre lams, vj s. iiij d. Item received of Nicolas Yonger for twoe stone and a half of woule, xx s. Item received of Christofer Liddell for a yeowe, iij s. iiij d. Item received of Henrie Brignell for a yeowe, ij s. iiij d. Item received for a yeow skinne, viij d. Item received of Nicolas Newbie for a lair stall, 3 s. 4 d. Item received of Thomas Bird for a lair stall, 3 s. 4 d. *Summa*, 12 l. xj s.

Expenses 1606. APRIL XXII.—In primis given to a poore lame man, viij d. Item given for thre yeowes and a weather hogge, xvij s. ij d. Item given for a pen when we sould our lams, ij d. Item given for clippinge 13 shepe, ij d. Item given for our expences when we sould our lams and bought other shepe, iiij d. Item given to the sumner the ix of October when we wer before Mr Huton, xvj d. And for our dinners and Maister Vicker's the same day, xij d. Item given to Mr William Hall, Maire of Durham, for Souldiar monie, viij s. viij d. Item given for besomes, j d. Item for a shule iron, iiij d. Item for washing the church cloths at Christmas, iiij d. Item given to a poore man which had his house brunt, xij d. Item given for a newe bell stringe, ij s. iiij d. Item given for a Pulpet clothe, xij s. Item given for layinge downe twoe lairstalls, iiij d. Item given to John Scot for five daies work in makinge newe stocks for the bells, iiij s. ij d. Item given to Christofer Nicolson for twoe stone of newe iron and for twoe daies worke and a halfe in workinge the same and other old iron in bands for the bell stocks, v s. Item given to William Shaudforth for helpinge the wrightes and smith all the tyme they wer makinge the bell stocks, vj d. Item given for suing the Pulpet cloth, iij d. Item given for drink to the work men which mended the bells, vj d. Item given for washinge the church clothes at Easter, iiij d. Item given for writinge our busines hearin as hathe bene accustomed, xij d. Item given for the cannons,[1] xij d. Item given to the sumner and other fees when we wer before Mr Hutton Ap. xij, xxij d. Item for our dinners, old churchwardens and newe, and Mr Vicar, the same day, xx d.—*Summa*, 3 l. 2 s. 2 d. *Summa declara*, ix l. viij s. x d.

(1) The 'Constitutions and Canons Ecclesiastical,' published A.D. 1604, and ordered to be provided by every parish in both Provinces before the following Christmas, seem thus to have been got at Pittington considerably after the prescribed time.

APRIL 7. ANNO 1607.

The names of the xij men within the parishe of Pittington, agreed upon by common consent to order all things according to law in the saide parishe with the consent of other gentlemen there as followeth [1]:—

Mr Robert Collingwod.	William Pearson.
Mr Anthonie Cockson.	(Gilbert Browne.)
(Mr Robert Dearham.)	Raiph Rutter.
John Swalwell.	Raiph Huntley.
(Henry Cooke.)	(William Ord.)
(Christofer May.)	*William Hall.*
Henry Wrangham.	*Henry Cooke.*
Raiph Simson.	*Robert Dixon.*
William Shaudforth.	

[N.B. A leaf or two missing here.]

Item payed in the court when William Hall was cyted about Christmas and enjoyned to provide a table of the x commandmentes,[2] and for repairynge the windowes; for fees, ij s. And for his dinner then, iiij d. Item when wee and the constables were before the Justices about recusantes att Candlemas, for a presentment, ij d. Item for washinge the churchclothes att Christmas, iiij d. And for a shaft to the churchack, j d. Item for the Table of the x commandmentes, xviij d. Item for mendinge the glas windowes, March 22, ij s. x d. And for charges then, iiij d. Item laid forth when we were att Durham before Mr Hutton Maij: to the sumner for fees, xvj d. Item for our dinners, the old churchwardons and the newe, with Mr Vicar that day, ij s. Item to Christofer Nicholson for mendinge the churchdore band, iiij d. Item for wryttinge this book of accomptes, xij d. Item payed for Rogmonney to Mr Pearson at Durham Decemb: 24, viij s. viij d. Item given to a poore man with a testimoniall, a Scottish man that was robbed, xij d.

1608. MAII XVI.

Receyved of William Hall in part of payment of 9 l. 12 s. 7d. due to this parishe, iiij l. By us, Raiph Rutter, Anthony Hunter.

MAI XXII.—More receyved of him, xvj s. iij d. Item re-

(1) Observe that the names between brackets have been erased in the MS., and those printed in italics have been added in a later hand. So in other similar lists.

(2) According to Canon 82, which had been disregarded till now.

ceyved of Susanna Swalwell, widow, iiij s. iij d. Restat for him to pay, 16 s. *Summa declara*, 9 l. 12 s. 7 d.

MARCH 29. 1608.—The election of the newe churchwardons within this parishe by common consent for this yere followinge: Raiphe Rutter and Anthonie Hunter. Sidemen, William Hall and William Ord. Mem. that the old churchwardons delyvered to the foresaid new churchwardons att theire entry in ready monney, ix l. xij s. iij d.

1608.—Shepe belonging to this parishe. Att Ludworth, thre yewes and two dinmontes and 2 lams. Att Shaudforth, v yewes and 3 lams. Att Shereburne, 4 yewes, one weather and 2 lams. Att Halgarth, thre yewes and 2 lams. Att North Pittington a yew and a lamb. Att Pittington hill, a yew and a lamb. Att South Pittington, one weather. Att Hetton on the hill, two dinmontes. Item receyved more for viij lams, xij s. j d. Item for woole a stone and xij pound, xiij s. Item for vj sheepe, viz. one old yow frome Shereburne, one weather frome South Pittington, one yow frome Pittington hill, and thre frome Halgarth, xxv s. Item for two yowes sould frome Ludworth, iij s. iiij d. Item one yowe sould frome Shereburne, iij s. Item for one weather att Hetton on the hill, iiij s. Item for one yow skin frome Ludworth, vj d.

Expences for the foresaid yere.—Item the fourth of May when we were before the Justices about recusantes and brewster's charges, xij d. Item for clippinge the church sheepe att Halgarth, ij d. Item for washinge the church cloths, iiij d. Item at Michaelmas when we were before Mr Hutton att his visitation for the Register and Somner, xviij d. And for our dinners with Mr Vicar, xij d. Item for Rogemonney, viij s. viij d. Item for viij yowes bought about Martenmas, xxxiij s. viij d. Item when we were before the Justices before Christmas about recusantes, for articles, xij d. Item for our charges then, viz. Mr Vicar, wee, and two sidemen, xx d. Item for besomes, ij d. Item for other fower yowes, xviij s. Item for dryving two yowes to Ludworth, ij d. Item for mending the beare and the stiles about the churchyeard, xviij d. Item payed to Christofer Hodgson for stayinge a jest [*joist?*] in the porch and mending the battlement, xviij s. Item given to the masons, ij s. Item given to him that must burn the lime kill, xiij d. Item spente when I went to Pensher to Mr Hancock aboute his quarie,[1]

(1) With the view of getting stones for the repair of the steeple, which had shown cracks as early as 1594, and had been since patched up from

iiij d. Item given for a leather to the bell tounge, ij s. Item for mendinge and washinge of the churchclothes, x d. Item given to the clarke for writinge, xij d. Item given for mending of the church dore locke, vj d. Item when we where before Mr Hutton at Ester at the vesitation, xvj d. Item for the articles, vj d. Item for Mr Vicer and the Churchwardans' dinners, iij s. iiij d. Item when we where warned by the Justicies to be at Houghton aboute the powre, xvj d. Item given to Mr Barnes for articles for the powre of this parish, iiij d. Item given to the mason, xl s.—6 l. 4 s. 10 d. *Declara*, 6 l. 8 s. 4 d.

ANNO 1609. APRIL 28.

The electyon of the newe churchwardons for this yere followinge by consent of Mr Vicar and the twelve: John Swalwell of Ludworth and Henry Cooke of Shereburne the younger.

1609.—Mem. that the foresaide churchwardons receyved att their entry in monney, vj l. viij s. 4 d. Item more receyved of Raphe Simson for viij lambs, the prise, xvj s. x d. Item receyved of Robart Gibson for iij lambs, vj s. iiij d. Item receyved of Mr Midelton for a weather, the prise, ix s. Item receyved for two stone of woole wanting two pound, the prise, xij s. Item receyved of William Shadfourth for a lare stalle, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved of William Pearson for a larestalle, xx d. Item receyved of Sir Henry Anderson for his sesment for the church, x l. ix s. iiij d. Item receyved of Mr Cockson, xvj s. Item receyved for Hetton on the hill, xvj s. Item receyved for twone [*town*] Pittington, xv s. Item receyved for Sherebourne, xl s. Item receyved for Ludworth, xlij s. Item receyved for Shadforth twone [*town*], xl s. Item receyved for a fother of lime to Thomas Yonge, iiij s. vj d. Item for a fouther of lime to Christofer Man, iij s. vj d.—*Summa*, xx l. iij s. x d.

MAY 20. 1609.—Mem. that it is agreed by the consent of

time to time. It was taken thoroughly in hand in the year following this, a rate of 2*s*. in the pound being levied for the purpose. We thus know the date of the late buttressing which now supports the tower. The total cost, including incidental expenses and what was done to the porch and battlement in 1608, was 22*l*. 9*s*. 8*d*. It is interesting to observe how the whole work in all its details was effected and superintended by the churchwardens. Nothing is delegated to others, or contracted for, as would have been the case in more recent times.

the xij men of this parishe of Pittington, that a sesment of ij s. the pounde shalbe leveyed presently through this parish towardes the repayringe of the steple, and other necessaryes about the church.

Anno 1609.

Expencis for this yeare.—Item given for xviij fouther of stones, ix s. Item given for meat and drenke to those that brought the stones, v s. ij d. Item given to the workemen to drenk, vj d. Item given for a swell, ij d. Item given for besomes, j d. Item paid when I wente to my Lord for woode to his secatarie, xij d. Item given for the suplication, vj d. Item given for my diner, vj d. Item given for tow foxes' heades, ij s. Item given for our diners on the Chapter day, xij d. Item paid to John Pattison, Maor, for Souldiers mony, viij s. viij d. Item given to Nicolas Yonger for liinge downe of a lare stone, iiij d. Item given to Robart Gibson for gitting of a weather that was alacking, iij d. Item given to Christofer Liddell and his man for working at Frankeland, xx d. Item given for our dinners when we went to Frankeland, and in drinke bestowed upon the workemen, x d. Item payed to Thomas Smith, mason, Julij xiiij, xl s. Item payd to Raiph Rutter and Henry Cooke for leadinge two trees from Frankeland, Jul. 13, viij s. Item payd John Widdowes, keper there, ij s. vj d. Item for our drinke to the wainemen, viij d. Item payed for the woode that was gotten at Renton parke and to those that brought it home, v s. Item payed for a dosen of tracis, the prise, xij d. Item payed for longe spikings nayels, xviij d. Item vj fouther of coles, the prise was ix s. ij d. Item payed to the wrights, xx s. Item payed for thre fouther of coles, iiij s. vj d. Item payed to Christofer Liddell for a rowle, xij d. Item payed for butter to grese the rowle, ij d. Item payed to Thomas Smith, mason, xl s. Item payed to Raphe Brough in parte of pament for burning the lime-kill, xij s. Item more payed to Thomas Smith, mason, xx s. Item payed to James Rennet son for a say [*saw* ?], iij s. Item payed to Thomas Smith, mason, l s. Item payed to Thomas Smith, mason, xx s. Item payed to those that helped us up with the propes, and oure expenses xij days, xij s. Item payed for tow chists to cari up lime in, x d. Item payed to Thomas Smith, mason, l s. Item payed when we where before Mr Hutton at

the Seing day,[1] xvj d. Item payed for oure dinners at the same time, xviij d. Item payed for slokening of the lime, v s. Item payed to Nichollas Yonger for laying the lead and for pointing of the slates, xviij d. Item payed to Christofer Liddell and his sone for laying the bordes and taking downe of the proptes, xx d. Item payed for drinke that same day that wee clensed the church, viij d. Item payed for besomes, j d. Item payed to Thomas Smith, xx s. Item payed for drinke that we bestowed upon Christofer Liddell and his son, vj d. Item payed for my dinner when I went to Penshere, vj d. Item payed in expenses when we went to Mr Blakeston about the woode, xij d. Item payed to Raphe Brough, ix s. ix d. Item payed for mending of the church dore kay that was broking, ij d. Item payed for mending and washing of the church cloths at Chrismas, x d. Item payed for mending the glass windowes, iiij s. iij. d. Item payed for my dinner that same day, iiij d. Item payed for cariing the lime into the church, and mending up of the walle, xviij d. Item payed to Nicholas Yonger for bringin the lime to the Church, ij s. Item payed for washing of the churchcloths at Easter, x d. Item payed at the last Seingday when we where before Mr Hutton, to him and for oure dinners, iiij s. Item payed to the clarke for writing, xij d. *Summa*, xix l. vj s. v d. *Declara*, xvij s. v d.

April 10. Anno 1610.

The election of the new churchwardons for this yere followinge by common consent: John Swalwell of Ludworth and Nicholas Younger of Pittington.

Mem. that the saide churchwardons receyved att theire entry in monney, xvij s. v d.

Shepe att this day: Att Ludworth 3 yewes and a weather. Att Shaudforth v yewes and v lams. Att Shereburne v yewes and v lams. Att Halgarth 3 yewes and one lamb. Att South Pittington 2 yewes and 2 lams. Att North Pittington a yew, a lamb, & a tupp. Att Hetton on the hill ——.

(1) That is, the visitation; so called as being the day of seeing, or inspection. It is frequently called, both in this and the other books, the *seane*, or the *scene*. The spelling here and in the following year, which are the only instances I have found, suggests the original meaning of the word. *Seane* would be the vulgar pronunciation. Similarly, in the St. Oswald's book we find 'seane' written for *seen*, where the accounts are said to have been 'seane and examined.'

Receypts for the yeare 1610.—Item resavid of Henry Cooke for iiij lames, the prise, vj s. viij d. Item resavid for vij lames the prise, xij s. ix d. Item receyved for two stone of wole, the prise is xij s. Item receyved for a lare stone, iij s. iiij d. Item Mr Cockson owinge for caryage of wodd and stones to the repayringe of the stepple, iiij s. Item John Rutter behind for caryage, xvj d.[1]

Expences for this yeare 1610.—Item payed to John Partus for two days worke for dressen of the lime kill, xij d. Item payed for bringin of two fouther of lime to the church, xvj d. Item payed to Nicholas Yonger for woorke at the church, v s. Item payed for oure dinners when we sould the lames at Durham, viij d. Item payed for tare to marke the shepe withall, iiij d. Item payed for the articles at my Lord visitation, iij s. vj d. Item payed for our dinners that same time, iij s. ij d. Item payed for going about the crepell [*cripple?*] at the Quarter Sassiones houlden at Durham, xv d. Item payed to Christofer Liddell and is man for thre dayes worke, iiij s. Item payed to Nicholas Yonger and his man for thre dayes worke at the Church, iiij s. Item payed the v day of November for the ringin of the beles, xij d. Item payed for nayles to mend the stalls, ij d. Item payed for gresen of the shepe at the Hallgarth that doe goe there, vj d. Item payed for drinke bestoued of the workemen and helpen in with the woode into the Church, vj d. Item payed for Souldjer mony, viij s. viij d. Item payed for the cariing of the lime into the church, ij d. Item payed for besomes, ij d. Item payed for a leather to the bell, ij s. Item payed to Robart Flemen for mending of the bell toung, x d. Item for a shoulle and a spead, the prise, viij d. Item for iring [*ironing*] of them,[2] xvj d. Item for my

(1) Here the following entry has been erased. 'Item Mr Vicar haith unpayed for many lames according to agrement maid with the xij men in for the yeare of oure Lord 1595, as may apeare by this booke, xiiij lames or the value of them.' After 'unpayed for,' the word 'discharged' has been inserted above the line, and is also erased. For the 'agreement' referred to see supra p. 37, and remarks on it in *Introduction*, p. 7.

(2) Spades were formerly of wood, and shod with iron. The wooden part was called the *shell* or *shelme*. So below, A.D. 1624, and frequently in the Book of St. Oswald's. I am referred by the Rev. J. T. Fowler to the 'Ripon Chapter Acts' (*Surt. Soc.* vol. 64, pp. 373, 384) for mention of 'shod sholes,' and to the St. Cuthbert window in York Minster for pictorial illustration. It is observable in this and other instances how there seem at that time to have been no dealers in ready-made articles of this kind. The

charges that same tyme at Durham that I gote them maid fit, iiij d. Item payed to Edward Hodshon for glasning of the windowes that where broking, vj s. vj d. Item payed for washing of the church cloths, x d. Item payed for our dinners and the glasner that same day that he set up the glase, xij d. Item payed for articles the last day of Aprill to M[r] Edward Hutton, xx s. ij d. Item for our dinners, the old Churchwardons and the newė, with M[r] vicar, iij s. Item payed to the clarke for writing, xij d. *Summa,* 49 s. 10 d. *Restat,* 2 s. 4 d.

1611.

Expences for this yeare 1611.—Item payed the frist day of June by me Christofer Mann for Rogemonney, viij s. viij d. Item payed when we did appeare before the Justices the 16 day of July, xiiij d. Item payed to William Blakston for clippinge and washing tow shepe, ij d. Item payed for helping to drive the shepe, ij d. Item payed for two shepe, viij s. Item payed for two shepe, ix s. vj d. Item payed the Seing day at Michelmas, xvj d. Item payed that same day for our diners, xij s. iiij d. Item payed for the copye of the articles at the Quarter Sessions for the recusantes, xvj d. Item payed for laying of thre hoggs, vj d. Item payed for our dinners at Michelmas at the Quarter Sessiones, iij s. vj d. Item payed to the bishope of Gerese,[1] iij s. vij d. Item payed to Christofer Liddell for the mending of the bellstokes, vj d. Item payed for nayles that same tyme, j d. Item payed for besomes, ij d. Item payed for washing the churchcloths at Easter, x d. (vj d. 2[da] *manu.*) Item payed the same day that we did answere befor M[r] Hutton on the Seing day for our charges, xxij d. Item payed that same day for our dinners, old Churchw. and newe, ij s. vj d. Item payed to the clarke for writing, xij d. Item payed to Raphe Herison for gresing the shep at Hallgarth, iiij d. *Summa,* 18 s. 3 d.

churchwardens had to get their wooden spades made by a joiner in the parish, and then to take them to Durham to be 'ironed' by a smith.

(1) This name is written above another (apparently *Gresia*) which has been erased. Was this some Greek bishop who had come to England, and been fraternally received? 'Gerese' may be meant for *Greece,* which the scribe, in his ignorance of the country, did not know how to spell, *Gresia,* originally written, having been meant for *Graecia.*

Anno 1612. April 14.

The election of the new Churchwardons for this next yere by common consent are Richard Hall and Nicholas Whitfeild.

Shepe belonging to this parish this yere. Att Pittington Halgarth 6 yewes and v lams. Att North Pittington ——. Att South Pittington one yew, one lam. Att Shereburn fower yewes. Att Shaudforth 2 yewes and 2 hogs. Att Ludworth 3 yewes and two lams. Att Hetton on the hill 2 dinmontes. Att Pittington hill ——.

Receytes this yere, 1612.—Receyved att theire entry in monney, xiij s. 3 d. Item receyved of Mr Cockson for a lare stalle for his mother, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved of Mr Blacket for a lare stone, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved for a stone of woole and ten pounde of woole, x s. ij d. Item receyved for fower lams, x s. Item receyved for a lame of Mr Vicker, xx d. Item receyved of Nicholas Blacket for a larestone, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved for two wheathers, xv s. viij d.

Expencis for this yere 1612.—Item payed for Rogemony, viij s. viij d. Item payed for oure dinners that same day that we did come before Sr Henry Anderson and Mr Barnes, viij d. Item payed for cleping of the Church shepe, iiij d. Item payed for a gimmer, iiij s. Item payed for our charges at the Quarter Sessiones at Midsomer, x d. Item payed for besomes, j d. Item payed for a bellstring, xx d. Item payed to Mr Hutton the sext day of October, xvj d. Item for oure dinners and Mr Vicar's that same day, xx d. Item payed for my dinner when I went to Bishop Acland to Nicholas Blacket for silver for the larestone, iiij d. Item payed for mending the glase windowes to Edward Hodshon, xx d. Item payed for our dinners that same day that we had warning to be before melord bishope of Durham, viij d. Item payed to a poure widdow of Barwicke that had her house burned with fier, xx d. Item payed for gresin of the church shepe, viij d. Item payed for a bell string, xxij d. Item payed to Nicholas Yonger for mending things nedfull about the church, xvij d. Item payed for washing of the church cloths at Chrismas, vj d. Item payed for mending of the bear, xij d. Item payed to the clarke for writing, xij d. Item payed to the plumer for mending of the leades about the church, ix s. Item for coles, ij d. Item payed to Mr Hutton, xxij d. Item payed that

same day for our dinners, the old Churchwardonns and the new with Mr Vicar, ij s. Item payed the xxvij day of Aprill that we did apeare befor the Justicies for our dinners, xviij d. Item payed for washing of the church cloths at Easter, vj d. Item payed for drinke that was bestowed on the plumer, vj d.

ANNO 1613. APRIL 6.

The election of the newe churchwardons for this yere followinge by common consent: Richard Hull of Shaudfourth, and John Rawlinge of Shereburne.

Sheepe belonging to this parish. Att Pittington Halgarth, vj yewes and v lambs. At Little towne,[1] two yewes. Att Shereburn, 4 yewes, 4 lambs, and a dinmont. At Pittington, one yew and one lambe. Att Hetton on the hill ——. Att Shaudforth, 3 yewes, one tupe, and a hoge. Att Ludworth, 3 yewes and two hoges.

Receypts this year 1613.—Receyved att theire entry in monney, xiiij s. xj d. Receyved for two yewes and v lambs, xvij s. Receyved for 4 lambs at Sherbourn, and one at Pittington, vij s. xj d. Receyved at Ludworth for two lambs, the prise, iiij s. vj d. Receyved for thre lambs at Shadfourth, the prise, v s. Item receyved of William Pearson for larestones, v s. Where of we did receyve iij s. iiij d. for his wife and xx d. for his childe. Item receyved for two stone of wole, xiiij s. Item receyved for viij ould yewes, xxviij s. Item receyved of Mr Vicker for a lame, xx d. Item receyved for a shepe skin that was lost at Pittington, vj d. Item receyved of Nicholas Whitfeld for a larestone for his child, xx d. *Summa*, v l. x d.

Mem. that it was agreed upon the xvij day of October, 1613, by Mr Vicar and the most part of the xij men of this parishe, that a sesment of ij d. the pound should be presently leveyed by the churchw. within this parishe of Pittington for the

(1) The two ancient vills of North and South Pittingdon or Pittington (*duæ Petindunæ*), till this year so distinguished in this book, are now and henceforth called 'North Pittington' (or, as here, simply 'Pittington') and 'Littletown,' except that in 1615 we find 'Little Pittington.' We thus trace the origin of the modern designation of the Western vill, which is now known only as 'Littletown,' the name of Pittington being confined to the villages which lie north of the church. There are now two Pittingtons: but one of these is a modern pit-village, known as 'New' or 'High Pittington.'

byinge of M[r] Jewell's booke, enjoyned unto us by my Lo. of Durham.[1]

Expences for this yeare 1613.—Item payed for Rogemony, viij s. viij d. Item payed at my Lord Bushop visitation for articles, iij s. vj d. Item payed for M[r] Murray, the church-wardonns and the sidemen, for there dinners, ij s. vj d. Item payed to the glasner for vij foute of glase the 8 day of July, and mending the holes in the glas winders, iiij s. vij d. Item for our dinners that same day that we did serve the glasner and for drinke that we did bestoue of him, vij d. Item for two peckes of lime to mend the glas windowes withall that we bought of James Rawlin, iiij d. Item payed to Nicholas Yonger for two larestones, iiij d. Item for besomes, j d. Item payed for our charges when we where callyd on for the booke before Docter Colemore at Durham concerning the church, xvj d. [*erased*]. Item payed for mendinge the locke of the church dore and nales for mending of the stales, xx d. Item payed for v yewes that we bought for the parish, xxvij s. vj d. Item payed for our charges at certin times for M[r] Jewell's booke, going about it, ij s. Item payed for the seking of two yeowes that wert at Pittington Hallgarth, ij s. [*erased*]. Item payed for the booke bying, Jewell and Hardin workes so called, xx s. Item payed for the church cloths washing at Chrismas, vj d. Item payed for besomes, j d. Item payed when we where sworne churchwardons, xxij d. Item payed to Christofer Welldonn, ij d. Item payed for our charges going about the colection of S[t] Albon's, xvj d. [*erased*]. Item payed to the glasner, Willam Smart, for glasning of the windowes and mending the holes in the windowes, viij s. x d. Item payed

(1) Jewel's controversy with Harding, as appears below from the description of the book, when bought. Its full title was, 'A Replie unto M. Harding's Answers. By perusing whereof the discreet and diligent reader may easily see the weake and unstable grounds of the Roman religion, which of late hath been accounted Catholike: By John Jewel, Bishop of Sarisburie.' Printed 1611. (*Published* A.D. 1845 *by Parker Society.*) The bishop (William James) had probably ordered its purchase in all parishes at his Visitation this year. The people of Pittington appear not to have been unanimous in seeing the need of it: for it was only by a majority of the vestry that a rate for it was ordered; nor is there any sign afterwards of such rate having been paid. Still, the book was got, costing the parish 20s. together with 2s. in charges for 'going about it.' It may be observed that in the entry 'M[r] Vicar' is underlined, as if to note the fact that the vicar wished the book to be got. The book will be found to have been bought also in this same year for the parish of St. Oswald.

for oure dinners that same day, iiij d. Item payed for dressen of the lime, ij d. Item payed for washing of the churchcloths at Easter, vj d. Item payed the xviij day of May for the ould churchwardonns and the newe, with the sidemen, for appearing befor the Justices at Houghtonn in the Spring, ij s. ij d. Item payed to the clarke for writing, xij d. Item payed for our dinners that same day that we gave in oure presentments before Mr Kinge, viij d. Item more to the sumner that day, xxij d. Item payed to Nicholas Yonger for a larestone lying downe, ij d. *Summa*, iiij l. x s. j d. *Summa declara*, x s.

ANNO 1614. APRIL 26.

The election of the newe Churchwardons for this yere by comon consent: William Ord and Steven Herrington.

MAIE THE 24 IN THE YEARE OF OUR LORD 1614.[1]—In primus itt is agreed be the consent of the twelfe of this parishe that Mr Anthonie Cokson shall mantaen the hie waie from a gaet caled be the naem of Willdon gaet unto a gaet caled the Oxcloes gaet in verie good repaer and pasabele for hores and waiens from gait to gait as is above said;—And if itt hapen that the waie dooe decaie for want of yearly mending, or soe often as it shall need, att the only cost of the said Mr Cokson or his asiners att the seght of the twelfe, that then the nighbors of Shearborne shall remove the gait caled Willdon gait to the ould place whaer it was formerly wont to be: and then the neghbors of Shaudforth to mantaen the said ould waie att ther owen charges. In wittnes wharof we the twelf have subcribed our naemes: — Robt: Collingwood, William Shaudforth, William Ourd, Christofor Man, Henirie Wrangham, John Swallwell, Anth. Cockson, Raphe Huntly, Willyam Pearson, Raiph Rutter, William Hall, Henirie Cooke.

Expences for this yeare 1614.—Item payed to Marke Foster of Durham for Roge mony, viij s. viij d. Item payed when we wher before Mr Hutton for our presenment about recusantes at Mighelmas, xx d. Item payed for our dinners that same day, xviij d. Item payed when we where called before the

(1) See above, A.D. 1595. The reference is to a road passing through the land held by Mr. Cockson, between Sherborne and Shadforth. The Cocksons appear to have been lessees of the South Pittington, or Littletown, estate. The family, often mentioned, evidently lived in the parish, perhaps at Littletown, where the farm-house now stands.

Justices at Chrismas, xiiij d. Item payed for our dinners that same day, xviij d. Item payed the xvij day of March, when we where called before the Justices at Houghton, for owre dinners, xviij d. Item payed to John Scot sones for working a day at the church, xviij d. Item payed for nales, iij d. Item payed for the church cloths washing at Chrismes, vj d. Item payed for besomes, j d. Item payed to Willam Storry for two yeows that we bought of him, xj s. iiij d. Item payed to John Suddren for driving them yeowes to Ludworth feld, ij d. Item payed to Richard Hull for two weather shep, ix s. Item payed for one yew, v s. vj d. Item payed for washing the church cloth at Easter, vj d. Item payed to the clarke for writing, xij d. Item payed to Christofer Liddell for mending of the bellstokes, vj d. Item payed to Robart Flemen for a stapell to the bell whell, vj d.

Receiptes for this yeare, 1614.—Item receyved at our entry of the ould churchwardones, x s. Item receyved of Mr Cockson for a lam, iij s. Item receyved for a stone and a halfe of woole and two pound, xiiij s. Item receyved of Willam Pearson for thre tuppes, xiiij s. iiij d. Item receyved for a larestall of Christofer Man wife, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved of Willam Shadfourth for a yew skin and a hoge skin, x d. Item receyved for a hoge skin at Pittington Hallgarth, vj d. Receyved at our entry xv ould shepe and viij lames.

April 11, 1615.

The election of the new churchwardons for this yere followinge by common consent: Richard Huntley, and George Thompson of Hetton on the hill.

The stock of sheepe belonginge to the Church is twenty seaven, to be fedd and guided winter and sommer as the sheepe in the Townshipps and Hamletts where they goe yerely, viz., Att Hallgarth, fyve. Att Little Pittington, twoe. Att North Pittington, three, whereof twoe in the towne, and one with Sr Henry Anderson. Att Ludworthe, fyve. Att Hetton on the hill, twoe. Att Shereburne, fyve. Att Shaudfourth, fyve.

Implementes belonginge to the Church.—Inprimis bookes—One newe Bible, and one old. Item two Communions books, and one old Psalter; Paraphrisis of Erasmus, Hemingis Postill; Two books of Mr Jewell, one newe and one old; Two books of Homilies, and Canons Ecclesiasticall; one Register booke,

parchment, of Christenings, Weddings and Buryalls. Item one silvell cupp with a cover for the communion, and a lininge cloth for the breade. Item one surpcloth, two lininge tablecloths, one old buckram clothe for the Com. table. Item one clothe and one quission of black vellure for the pulpett. Item one spade, one hack, and one shoule. Item two chistes, one where the bookes lye, and another in the vestreye.[1]

Pittington, April 16, 1615.—Mem. that it is agreed upon by the consent of Sr Henry Anderson, Mr Collinwod[2] and the xij men of this parishe, that a cesment of vj d. the pound shalbe presently leveyed for the repayring of the stock of sheepe which is decayed, and other necessary uses of the saide Churche.

Receyts for this 1615.—Receyved at our entry by the way of cesment for the use of the church, lvj s. ij d. Item receyved for two stone of wole, xviij s. Item receyved for sex lams, xiiij s. Item receyved for a whether, ix s. viij d. Item receyved for a yewe that Willam Shadfourth sould, iij s. Item receyved for a yewe that was sould frome Hetton on the hill, vj s. Item receyved for thre whethers that was sould frome Shadfourth, xxij s. Item for thre larestales, x s. Item receyved of Mr Vicar for a lamb, xx d.

Expencis for this yeare 1615.—Item payed the xviij day of Aprill at Mr Hutton Vesitation for articles, xxij d. Item payed that same day for our dinners, the ould Churchwardons and the new, and Mr Murray,[3] ij s. vj d. Item payed the x day of May, when I was before the Justices at the Quarter

(1) It thus appears that none of the books were chained to a pillar, as in many churches, but lay in a chest, somewhere in the church, not in the vestry. The chest in the vestry would contain the money belonging to the parish (Cf. 'Received in the presence of the xii. men, and put into the chist,' A.D. 1587), and probably the church plate.

(2) Thus at this time the gentry of the parish, though not of the 'twelve,' took part in the proceedings of vestry. So all along at Houghton;—'The gentlemen of this parish *and* the 24.' So also afterwards in this book. Sir H. Anderson has been spoken of in a former note. Mr. Collingwood had at this time lately come into possession of Hetton-on-the-hill, which was one moiety of the Manor of Hetton, held anciently by knights' service under the bishop. In 1608 John Naunton, gent., conveyed this moiety to Henry and William Skayfe of East Witton, Yorks.; and they, by indenture, 13 March 1613, granted the same moiety to Robert Collingwood of London, gent., a younger son of Sir Cuthbert Collingwood of Dalden, Knt. (*Surtees' Durham*, vol. i. part 2, p. 120).

(3) William Murray, vicar (1594-1621) after Robert Murray (*al.* Morrowe, *al.* Murrie), who had been vicar from 1562 to 1593.

Meting at Houghton, v d. Item payed for 4 whether shepe, xxij s. Item payed for thre gimers shepe, xv s. vij d. Item payed to Marke Foster for Roge mony, viij s. viij d. Item payed for a bell lather [*leather*],[1] xxij d. Item payed to Willam Smart and Thomas Hilton for glasning the windows, viij s. vj d. Item for our dinners and the glasners', xij d. [Not allowed upon.] Item payed for caring of the lime frome Hetton on the hill to the church, ij d. Item payed to Robarte Flemen for mending of the chest lock, ij d. Item payed for besomes, ij d. Item pay to Christofer Liddell for mending of the bell stokes, xij d. Item for nales, j d. Item payed to Willam Horde, x d. Item payed the sext of August to Mr Hutton,[2] xvj d. Item payed that same day for our dinners, ij s. Item payed for linning cloth, xxiij s. ix d. Item payed for sowing of the sirpcloth and the table cloth, and a napking, iiij s. Item payed when we whent to Durham to take owr oith before Mr Hutton, iij s. iiij d. Item payed to James Rawling for the Church stile, iiij d. Item payed for a bell string, ij s. Item payed at Houghton at the Quarter Meting, vj d. Item two larestales liing doune, vj d. Item payed to the clarke for writing, xij d.—5 l. 3 s. 10d. *Declara*, 36 s. 8 d.

Maij 26, 1616.

Memorand. that it is agreed upon by Mr Robt. Collinwodd and the xij men of this parishe, that a sesment of ij d. of the pound shalbe presently levyed by the constables for the repayringe of half the stone bridge at Shereburn House Milln, nowe in decay.

August iiii, 1616.—Mem. that a sesment of j d. of the pound was agreed upon by the xij men, to be presently collected by

(1) This spelling of the word *leather* (denoting the thong, called the baldric, by which the clapper was anciently attached to the bell) throws light on a bell-inscription at Puncknowle, Dorset, referred to as of obscure meaning in *Notes and Queries*, 3rd S. vii. 137. The inscription is, HETHATWILLPVRCHASHONORSGAYNEMVSTANCIENTLATHERSSTILMAYNTAYNE. The meaning may be that he that would gain honour from bell-ringing must keep the old *lathers* (i.e. baldrics) in good repair; and some further moral may be intended also. Or it may possibly have been meant as a protest against some new-fangled way of hanging the bell-tongues which had begun to supersede the 'ancient lathers.'

(2) This and the subsequent appearance before the official, in addition to the annual ones at the two visitations, may have been to present Alice Galile. See Appendix B.

the constables for the further repairing of the foresaid bridge and Bromeside bridge, &c.

ANNO 1616. APRILL 2.—The election of the newe churchwardons for this yere by common consent: Raiphe Rutter for Browne's farme, and William Heddrington.

Receyptes for this yere.—Sheepe in this parishe att this day. At Halgarth v yewes and v lambs. Att Little towne a yow and a lamb. Att North Pittington two yowes and a lamb. Att Pittington hill, a yowe and a lamb. Att Hetton on the hill, a yow and a lamb. Att Shereburne, three weathers. Att Shaudforth, thre yowes and 3 lambes. Att Ludworth, 3 yowes, 3 lambes, and a tupp. Item receyved in money att the handes of the old churchwardons, xxxvj s. viij d. Item receyved for vij lambs sould in Durham, the prise was xv s. ij d. Item receyved for v lambs at Halgarth which was sould to Raphe Simson, xvij s. Item receyved of Mr Cockson for one lamb, ij s. ij d. Item receyved for a lamb that went at Pittington hill, ij s. vj d. Item receyved for two stone of woule and two poundes,[1] xxij s. vj d. Item receyved for one lambe sould frome Hetton on the hill, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved for a blacke whether sould frome Shereborne, vij s. vj d. Item receyved for a yewe sould frome Ludwourth, v s. vij d. Item receyved for two whethers sould frome Sherebourne, xviij s. iiij d. Item receyved of Mr Cockeson for a larestale, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved of George Herison for wedow Orde larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved for Barbyry Swallwell larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved of Nicholas Whitfeld for his child, xx d. Item for Thomas Swallwell larestall, iij s. iiij d.

Expencis for this yeare 1616.—Item payed at the Quarter Meting at Houghton the iij day of May for articles about the recusantes, xiiij d. Item payed that same day by me Raphe Rutter for my dinner, iiij d. Item payed for mending the church dore loke to Robart Flemen, x d. Item payed for articles at the Bushope vesitation, iij s. vj d. Item payed for our dinners that same day, xviij d. Item payed for Rogemony, viij s. viij d. Item payed for 7 yowes, xl s. vj d. Item payed for irons and nales to the bell stokes, x d. Item payed to Christofer Liddell, xij d. Item payed for iron bars to the Church windowes, xxij d. Item payed to Edward Hodson for

(1) Observe the high price of wool, which has now risen from 5s. to nearly 11s. a stone.

glasning of the church windows, viij s. x d. Item payed for coles, j d. Item payed for grease to the bells, j d. Item for washing the sirpcloth at Chrismas, vj d. Item for a yew, vj s. Item for two bells lethers, iij s. Item for two buckles to the bel lethers, ij d. Item for thre gudgions and thre vrters and a windband, ij s. ij d. Item payed to John Yonger, vj d. Item for washing of the sirpcloth at Easter, vj d. Item payed the xxix day of Aprill when we did appear befor M[r] Hutton, ij s. iiij d. Item paed for oure dinners that day, xviij d. Item payed for Aarticles at the Quarter Meting at Houghton, vj d. Item payed that same day by me Raphe Rutter for my dinner, iiij d. Item for laing of the church hacke, x d. Item for the spead and a iron for it, xiiij d. Item payed to the clarke for writing, xij d. Item payed to Nicholas Yonger for liing downe two larestales, viij d. *Declara*, liij s. v d.

PITTINGTON. ANNO 1617. APRIL 27.

The election of the new churchwardons for this yere following: Steven Herrington and William Swalwell the elder.

Sheepe belonging to this Church.

Att Halgarth, v yewes and 3 lambes. Att Little towne, one yow and one lamb. Att North Pittington, two yewes and one lamb. On Pittington hill, one yowe. Att Hetton on the hill, two yowes and two lambes. Att Ludworth, 4 sheepe and one lamb. Att Shaudfourth, v yewes and 3 lambes. Att Shereburn, 3 yewes and 3 lambes.

Memorandum, that they receyved att theire entry in monney, liij s. 4 d. Item more they receyved of the executors of William Ord, which was lent to fower poore folk according to his will, viz., xl s. To Christofer Wheldon; John Swalwell surety, x s. To Christofer Sheraton; Raiph Simson surety, x s. To William Smith; Robert Dixon surety, x s. To John Leng; John Ord suerty, x s.

Receptes for this yeare 1617.—Receyved for 13 lambs, xlv s. Receyved for two stone of wolle and a pound, the prise, xxj s. Receyved of Edward Fawell of Durham for a toope and a yewe the 5 day of September, 13 s. Item receyved of Henry Cooke for a lairstall, iij s. iiij d.

Expencis for this yeare 1617.—Item paed for mending the church dore locke and making a new key, xix d. Item when we sould the lambs at Durham that day, payed for oure dinners,

viij d. Item payed for gatheren the lambs together and driving theme to Durham, vj d. Item payed to Mr Hutton when we whent to make oure presentment the xxiiij day of September, xxij d. Item that same day for oure dinners we did pay, ij s. Item payd for Roge monney, August 20, viij s. viij d. Item for washing the church cloths at Chrismas, vj d. Item for washing the church cloths at Easter, vj d. Item of newe glase two foute and ix inshes, xviij d. Item two fout of ould glase set in newe leade, viij d. Item xix quarres mendid in the other windowes, xviij d. Item payed for tarre and butter to grese sheepe at Halgarth [*not allowed*], vij d. Item payed for gresing the shepe at Hallgarth this yeare, iiij d. Item for besomes, ij d. Item payed to Mr Hutton upon the Sinnod day, xxij d. More for articles, vj d. Item for our dinners that same day that we where before Mr Hutton, ij s. viij d. Item to the clarke for writing of these accountes, xij d.

Anno 1618.

The names of the xij men agreed upon in this parishe: Mr Robert Collinwod, Mr Anthony Cockson.[1]

John Swalwell, Henry Wrangham, William Shaudforth, Raiph Rutter, William Pearson, Raiph Huntley, William Hall, Henry Cooke, Robert Dixon, Raiph Simson, *William Thursby*, *Nicolas Whitfield*.

Shepe belonging to this parish att this tyme, Maij 17, 1618. Att Halgarth, v yowes, 4 lams. Att Litle towne, one hogg. Att Ludworth, two yowes and a lam. Att North Pittington, two yowes and 2 lams. Att Pittington hill,

Att Hetton on the hill, two yowes and two lams. Att Shaudforth, 4 yowes and 4 lams. Att Shereburn, 3 yowes and two lams.

April 12, 1618. The election of the new Churchwardons for this yere: William Shaudfourth, and George Cooke for Mr Antho. Cockson.

Receytes.—First, they receyved in money att the hands of the churchwardons, v l. viij s. iiij d. Item more they receyved

(1) The names of two 'gentlemen,' Mr. Collingwood and Mr. Cockson, have been marked off from the rest by a line, and the names of Thursby and Whitfield added at the end in a later hand. Observe below how George Cooke is appointed to serve as churchwarden *for* Mr. Cockson, as if the latter had been elected, but had been unwilling to perform his duties in person.

which was given by William Ord, and lent to fower poore folk according to his minde, xl s. Lent to Raiphe Whitfeild, Henry Cooke surety, x s. To widow Sheraton, Raiph Simson surety, x s. To William Smith, Robt. Dixon surety, x s. To John Leng, W. Shaudforth surety, x s. Item receyved for xj lams which we sold in Durham Maij 30, xxxij s. viij d. Item receyved for thre stone of woole saving two pound, sold Junij 25, xxviij s. viij d. Item more receyved for thre lams sold in Durham, viij s. vj d. Item receyved for sixe old yowe sould to John Bell, butcher, Novemb. 10, xxvj s. viij d. *Summa*, x l. v s. j d.

1618.—Expences for this yere as followeth. Inprimis laid fourth when we were before Mr Hutton to be sworne att the sidond [?] after Easter, for articles, vj d. Item payed when we were att Houghton after Easter for a warrant to the collectors for the poore, vj d. And for our drink then, ij d. Item for a pen when we sold lams, ij d. And for our dinners that day, viij d. Item bought of Robert Lambert thre yowes, xvj s. vj d. Item bought of John Moubray a yowe and a weather, xiiij s. Item bought of Nicholas Whitfeld two weather hogs, xij s. Item payd for a bell string, Maij 30, ij s. iij d. Item payed to Mr John Heth for Roge money, Junij 25, viij s. viij d. Item laid fourth att my lord's visitacion[1] Julij 29, for our calling, our othes, and articles, iij s. vj d. Item for our charges that day, for Mr Vicar, our selves, and sidemen, ij s. x d. Item for making a new yate to the churchyard and for shifting the other, ij s. Item payd for a collection to Chelsay, viiij d. Item payed for fower yowes and a dinmond bought of Robt. Lambert, Novemb. 14, xxx s. Item laid fourth when we were att Mr Hutton's visitacion, Novemb. 17, for our answere, xxij d. Item for our dinners and Mr Vicar's the same day, xviij d.

Decemb. 20.—Item payed for a pulpitt cloth, the stuffe, xiiij s. 4 d. Item for making it, with incle and thread, iiij d. Item given to a poore woman whose husband was taken by the Turkes, xij d. Item payed for two yowes bought Decemb. 23, xij s. Item payed for our charges when we were before Mr Hutton for making presentment of those that came not to catechist,[2] viij d. Item payed to Mr Vicar for writinge the names of all Christnings Weddings and Buryalls in our register

(1) The primary visitation of Bishop Richard Neile (1617-1627).
(2) Canon 59.

booke, which we were commanded to bringe into the Court before Mr Doc^r^ Colmore, Febru. 20,[1] v s. Item payed for a flaggon Mar. 20 to serve att the Communion, vj s. iiij d. Item payed for 3 quarters and a naile of vellure for a quission to the pulpitt, iij s. viij d. Item for a skinn to bottom it, xij d. Item for washing the churchcloths att Christmas, vj d. And att Easter for the same, vj d. Item laid fourth when we were att Durham att the Seane before Mr Hutton for our answeres, and to the somner, xxij d. Item for our dinners that day, Mr Vicar, our selves, and the new churchwardons, iij s. iiij d. Item for writting this booke of accompts, xij d. Item for two pound of feathers and making the quission to the pulpitt, xviij d. Item payed att Houghton for a warrant for the Overseers of the poore, Maij 4, vj d. And for our charges there that day, vj d. *Summa*, vij l. xj s. ix d. *Summa declara*, liij s. iiij d.

Anno 1619. March 30.

The election of the newe Churchwardons for this yere following: Henry Wrangham of Pittington, and John Wilkinson of Shaudforth.

Implementes and Bookes belonging to this Church of Pittington, 1619.

Inprimis in bookes: two Bibles, one new and one old. Item two Communion bookes, one new and one old. Item the Paraphrasis of Erasmus, with Mr Jewell and Harding. Item two bookes of Homilies, and the booke of Canons. Item Hemminge's Postill, with one old Psalter. Item a Register booke in parchment of christeninges, weddinges and buryalls, with this booke of accomptes. Item one silver cupp with a covering for the Communion. Item one tinn flaggon and two napkins. Item one surptcloth and one lin tablecloth with a buckram cloth for the communion table. Item one pulpitt clothe with a quission for the pulpitt, of vellure. Item two ladders, one longer and one shorter. Item one hack, one spade, and one shoole.

Sheepe belonging to this church att this tyme. Att Halgarth, v yowes and v lams. Att Little towne, 2 yowes and two lams. Att Ludworth, v old sheepe and a lam. Att North Pittington, 2 yowes and a lam. Att Pittington hill, one weather. Att Hetton hill, two yowes and two lams. Att

(1) Canon 70.

Shaudfourth thre yowes, a weather, and . Att Shereburn v yowes and v lams.

Receyptes.—Mem. that the foresaide churchwardons receyved att theire entry of the old churchw: in money, liij s. iiij d. Item they receyved for William Ord, and lent to fower poore folk, viz.: xl s. Inprimis to Widow Sheraton, Raiph Simson surety, x s. Item to James Huntley, Richard Huntley surety, x s. Item to William Smith, Robert Dixon surety, x s. Item to Raiph Whitfeild, Henry Cooke surtye, x s. Item receyved for xix lams sold in Durham the xij of Junij, xlvj s. iiij d. Item receyved for thre stone of woole save 3 pound, xxvij s. viij d. Item receyved of Widowe Smith of Pittington for her husbandes larestall, August 30, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved for two yowes att Hetton on the hill, and a weather on Pittington hill, to a butcher, Decemb. 15, xix s. Item receyved for thre yowes sould before Christmas, xvij s. iiij d. Item receyved for a yow skin which died att Pittington Mar. 18, xiiij d.

ANNO 1619. *Expences.*—Imprimis payed for a yow and a lam bought in Durham, Maij xviij, vij s. x d. Item given to a poore man of Hull robd by the Danes on the seas, who had a letter patent,[1] xij d. Item payed for a penn for lams and for our drink then when we sold them, iiij d. Item for our charges when we sold woole, viij d. Item payed for a shoole iron, iiij d. Item given to a poore man with a patent robbed by sea, Julij v, xij d. Item more to a poore man with a breife, perished with fyer, Aug. 4, xvj d. Item for a quart of tarr for marking the church sheepe, ij d. Item lade forth when we were at Durham before Mr Hutton on the Seane day att Michaelmas, for our

(1) Remarkable this year is the number of people applying for relief with briefs or letters patent. They were issued out of Chancery on petition, the patent charges and other costs attending them being very large—a circumstance sufficient to account for their frequency, as they would be thus profitable to the royal exchequer and the Chancery officials, as well as to the applicants. In Burn's *Ecclesiastical Law* an example is given, showing the various charges, the summary being as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Collected on 9,986 briefs (*i.e. copies sent to various parishes, &c.*) . .	614	12	9
Charges . . .	330	16	6
Clear collection . .	283	16	3

They will be found numerous every year after the Restoration in the parish of St. Nicholas.

answere and presentment, xxij d. Item for our dinners the same day, xij d. Item given to a poore man then with a letter patent, which had great losses by sea, xij d. Item payed for Rogemoney to Mr John Heth of Ramside, Octob. 16, xxiiij s. Item payed to Peter Bell for mending the bells in making new stocks for them, November 18, xiiij s. vj d. Item more payed for iron work to the bells to William Nicholson the same tyme, v s. vj d. Item to our selves for waiting on the workmen 4 daies, for our drink, xiiij d. Item payed to the glasner for mending the windowes in the church Decemb. 16, iij s. ix d. Item payed for washing the churchcloths att Christmas, vj d. Item given to a poore woman with a breife, Janu. 1, xij d., whose husband and sonne were taken with Turks, ix d. Item for laying downe Robert Smith larestall to Nich. Younger, iiij d. Item for oyle to the bells, ij d. Item payed for thre yowes bought Decemb. 20, xix s. Item given to a poore man with a breif which had his house burnt, Mar. 19, vj d. Item payed to the clark for washing the churchcloths att Easter, vj d. Item payed for two yewes, two lams, and a hogge, bought April 19, xxj s. Item payed for mending the glasse window in the steple the same day, xiiij d. Item payed when we were att Durham before Mr. Hutton to the sumner, when we were called to make presentmentes, xxij d. Item for our charges that day and the new churchwardons with Mr Vicar, ij s. vj d. Item for writting this booke of accomptes, xij d.

NOVEMB. 4th, 1620.

A SESMENT FOR MUSKETTS.[1]

Steven Herrington for Towne Pittington and Hetton on the hill collected, xvij s. i d. ob. Henry Cooke for Shereburn, xvj s. viij d. William Hall, xvj s. viij d. John Swalwell, xx d. Item for the Halgarth. Item for the Littletown. Item for Ludworth, one Muskett.

Pittington Parish. ANNO 1620. APRIL 18.—The election of the new churchwardons for this yere following by common consent: John Younger and Richard Heddrington.

(1) See above A.D. 1597, p. 43, note (2). This was the time of the Palatinate war, James I. being now at length induced to send a volunteer force under the Earls of Essex and Oxford in support of his son-in-law, Frederic the Elector Palatine, who had accepted the crown of Bohemia in defence of the Protestant Union. This may have been the immediate cause of the replenishment of the parish armour. See also below, A.D. 1622.

Receypts for this yere.—Sheepe belonging to this Church. Att Halgarth, v yowes and v lams. Att Littletowne, 2 yowes and 2 lams. Att Ludworth, 3 yerd [?] sheepe, a yow and a lam. Att North Pittington, 2 yowes and 2 lams. Att Pittington hill, a gemmer hogge. Att Hetton on the hill, 2 yowes and 2 lams. Att Shaudfourth, 4 yowes, 4 lams, and a weather. Att Shereburn, v yowes and v lams.

Item they receyved in ready money att the handes of the old churchwardons, xlvij s. vj d. Item more they receyved for Mr Ord, which is lent to fower poore folk for a yere according to his will, xl s. To An Gillery, Steven Herrington surtye, x s. To Em. Liddle, Raiph Huntley surety, x s. To Widow Sheraton, Henry Wrangham surty, x s. To Widow Bell of Pittington, Antho. Hunter surty, x s. Item more they receyved of the executors of Robert Smith deceased, xx s. For the interest wherof for one yere they must pay to the poore folk in North Pittington about Christmas, by advice of Mr Viccar and others according to his will, ij s.

Receyptes.—Item receyved for twenty and one lams sold in Durham Maij 29, xlvij s. viij d. Item receyved in Durham for woole sould in Durham 3 stone except 3l. and a quarter, xix s. viij d. Item receyved of Robert Dixon for his wyves larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved of Raiph Rutter for his wyves larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item receyved for two weathers and a yow which went att Ludworth, sould Nov. 10, xx s. Item receyved for a weather and a yow which went att Shaudfourth, sold then, ix s.

Summa, beside Robert Smith's 20s., vij l. x s. vj d.

Expences for this yere, 1620.—Item payed for a foother of lyme, iij s. iiij d. Item for leading the same, viij d. Item for bearing it in and slaking, iiij d. Item payed for a pen when we sold the lams, and our drink then, vj d. Item payed for a yowe bought in Durham, which went to Pittington hill, Junij 1, v s. Item payed to John Hutcheson for mending the steple and fillitting the church and for haire to——, ix s. Item more given to him for working certain old lyme then, more then the newe, vj d. Item for our owne charges for being with workmen and for theire drinke, xviij d. Item payed for laying down two larestalls, viij d. Item payed to the constables for Roge monney the xxiiijth day of Junii, xxiiij s. Item payed when we were called before Doctr Crawdock [1] to present re-

(1) Dr. John Cradock, Prebendary of the 5th Stall, and Spiritual Chancellor.

cusantes and for shewing our Register booke July 29, xij d. And for our charges the same day, vj d. Item payed when we were att Durham before M[r] Hutton to make presentment, Octob. 16, to the sumner for our calling and answere, xxij d. Item for our dinners that day, xij d. Item payed for a communion booke, and the table for degrees of maryage, Mar. 20, viij s. ij d. Item for a greene cloth to communion table two yerdes and 3 quarters, iij s. a yerd, viij s. iij d. Item for the clark's surples and for the making of it,[1] xviij d. Item for our charges that day when we bought thes things, ix d. Item for washing the churchcloths at Christmas and Easter, xij d. Item for mending a belstring, ij d. Item payed to M[r] Hutton att his visitacon holden April 10, for a monition under seale, vj s. 4 d. Item for answere and a booke of articles, ij s. iiij d. Item for our charges that day, xxij d. Item payed for removing M[r] Vicar's stall and his wyves, setting them as they now stand, and mending churchyard gates, iij d. Item for wryting this booke of accomptes, xij d. Item for a copy of christenings weddings and buryalls, given in att Easter to the Court, vj d. Item payed for v weathers bought in Durham which went to Ludworth, . Item payed att Houghton, when we were called before the Justices touching the poore, for a warrant and our charges, viij d.

Summa, vj l. x s. iiij d.

(1) The use of surplices by the parish clerks appears in all these account books, and in the parish of St. Nicholas as late as 1679. It seems to have continued generally, in the North at least, whatever might be the case elsewhere, long after the Reformation. Cf. 'Item an albe which made a rochett for the clarke anno primo Elizabeth.' 'Item an alb, which we made a Rochet of for our clerk A° Dñi 1565' (Peacock's *Church Furniture*, pp. 53, 57). I have found proof that, in the year 1679, when the clerk of St. Nicholas was wearing a surplice, it was not so at Southampton. For in a humorous poem by Dr. Speed, a physician there, on Bartholomew Kempster, a barber, and parish clerk of Holy-Roods, we find—

'He's sallied forth from sign of pole and bason,
With clergy-cloak, clean hand, and Sunday face on.'

And the twang of his staves is extolled above

'Their skill who in white surplice sing
Fa la fa sol, anthems, or some such thing.'
(*Miscellany Poems, Published by Mr. Dryden*, 1716.)

We see further from this poem that parish clerks in those days visited the sick in a clerical capacity; for

'If any well-disposed person is sick,
Batt's sent to: collects cheaper are than physick.'

ANNO 1621.—Sheepe belonging to this Church. Att Halgarth, iiij yowes and 4 lams. Att Little towne, two yowes. Att Ludworth, fyve weathers. Att North Pittington, two yowes and 2 lams. Att Pittington hill, one yowe. Att Hetton on the hill, two yowes and one lam. Att Shaudfourth, 4 yowes and 4 lams and a weather. Att Shereburn, v yowes and 4 lams.

ANNO 1621. APRIL 3.—The election of the churchwardons for this yere by consent of Mr Vicar and the twelve men: viz., Richard Heddrington, John Younger.

Receyptes.—Inprimis they had att theire entry in money, all things discharged, xxix s. ij d. Item for Robert Smith deceased, xx s. For the use whereof for a yere they must give to the poore of North Pittington about Christmas, ij s. Item for William Ord, given by his will to be lent to fower poore folk for a yere by x d. a peice, xl d., which is lent as followeth, viz., Inprimis to James Dobson; Richard Heddrington surety; x d. Item to John Leng; John Younger surety; x s. Item to Widow Haswell; John Wilkinson surety; x d. Item to Widow Bullock; Robert Dixon, surety; x d.

Item receyved for xv lams sould in Durham, Maij 30, xxviij s. x d. Item for two stone of woole and 4 pound, xviij s. viij d. Item for a pelt skinn receyved from Lud: ij d. Item received for a sheape skinne, vj d. Item received for an ewe skinne that dyed in Pittington, viij d. Item for a sheepe skinn which dyed att Pittington, vj d. Item for two sheepe skins, vj d.

Expences, 1621, *by Richard Heddrington and John Younger.*—In primis laide fourth for a weather bought in Durham and putt to Shaudfourth: Maj 20, vj s. ij d. Item when we were att Houghton before the Justices for our charges, vj d. Item for a pen when the lams were sold, ij d. Item for our charges then, vj d. Item payed for Roge monney Junij 27, August 13, xxiij s. Item payed when we were att my lordes visitation, for our answere and articles, iij s. Item for our charges that day, xviij d. Item payed to the glasyer for mending the windowes about the church, Septemb. 10, ij s. vj d. Item payed for wryting our answere to the articles att my lo: visitation, xij '. Item payed att Mr Archdeacon's visitation, ij s. Item for our charges att three times, viij d. Item payed to the clarke for washeing the ——— ———, xij d. Item payd for glazeing the church windowes, j s. vj d. Item payed att Mr Archdeacon's visatation, and for the booke of articles,

ij s. iiij d. Item for our charges then, ij s. ij d. All being discharged, j l. ij s. was delivered to the newe churchwardens.

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EXPENCES OF THE CHURCHWARDENS FOR THIS YEARE, 1622.

In primis laid forth for sheepe which wee bought, xxxvij s. viij d. Item for washeing, toll, and driveing, xx d. Item payed to the constable for Roague money, xxiiij s. Item paid for 2 bookes for the 5 of August[1] and November, viij d. Item att Mr Archdeacon's Visitation for his fees and for our charges then, iij s. vj d. Item for washeing the churchcloths att Christmasse, vj d. Item payd for a new stall, and for the workemen's diners, xv s. vj d. Item for glazeing and for soulder, iij s. viij d. Item att Mr Archdeacon's Visitation, Aprill, 22, 1623, for the fees of the court and our charges, v s. iiij d. Item for washeing the church clothes att Easter, vj d. Item for writeing our accompts, xij d. *Summa totalis*, iiij l. xiiij s. iiij d.

Churchwardens elected for the parish of Pittington for this present yeere, 1623: April 15; William Hall, Christopher Mann. Overseers for the poore: Raphe Simpson, Robert Dixon.

MAIJ XII, 1623.—Memorandum that it is agreed uppon by the twelve of the parish of Pittington, that a cessement of vj d. the pound shall be forthwith levyed by the churchwardens for the payment of souldier money and for the repaireing of the Church flocke, and for other necessaries about the church.[2]

Receipts: AN: DOM: 1623.—In primis received for a cessement att Sherburne, ix s. iij d. Item received att Shadforth, ix s. Item att Ludworth, xij s. vj d. Item att the Littletowne, iiij s. Item received for the wooll of Ludworth, Shadforth and the Little towne, which was two stone in all,

(1) The 5th of August was kept as the Day of King James' escape from the 'Gowrie Conspiracy,' and was called 'Gowrie day.' See St. Oswald's book, A.D. 1603, and note.

(2) We observe here the beginning of the system of compulsory cessments, which henceforth becomes regular, though not yet, or till 1648, for the relief of the poor. The profits of the church flock were no longer adequate to parochial expenses; the old plan was becoming obsolete, and the flock itself, being 'decayed,' though replenished this year, was sold in 1624.

xv s. iiij d. Item received for four lambs which were att Shadforth, viij s. Item for a weather sould to Robert Lambert, viij s. Item for a weather skinne which dyed att Ludworth, j s. iiij d. Item received by Christofer Manne of Raphe Simpson, x s. Item of Mr Collingwood, iiij s. Item received for Pittingtonne, iiij s. Item received for five lambs, xij s. Item for halfe a stone of woolle, iiij s. Item received of Sr Henry Anderson, iij s. Item received of Richard Hull for a lairestall, ij s. iiij d. *Summa tota.* v l. v s. ix d.

Expences.—Money disbursed by the Churchwardens An: Do: 1623. In primis disbursed for the gaole and the house of correction,[1] xxiij s. Item paied to the old churchwardens, xx s. vij d. Item for a weather bought for the Hallgarth, v s. iiij d. Item for a yowe bought for Shadforth, v s. viij d. Item att the visitation att Michaelmasse, j s. x d. Item for our charges then, j s. viij d. Item for glazeninge the church-windowes, iij s. iiij d. Item for washeing the churchclothes att two times, j s. Item for laying downe 2 lairstalls, vj d. Item att the visitation att Easter, our charges then, iiij s. Item for the fees in the court then, j s. x d. Item for writeing the presentments and our accompts, j s. Item paied for four sheepe, xxij s. Item paied for the bell-strings, iij s. *Summa total*: iiij l. vj s. ix d. So there remaineth to be paied to the newe churchwardens, xix s. Item more to be paied for a lairestall by Nicolas Yonger, iij s. iiij d. Item paied by Henry Cooke for a lairstall, j s. viij d.

Money to be lent to the poore of this parish, Maij 18, 1623. In primis given by Sr Henry Andersonne, xl s. Item given by William Ourd by will, xl s. Inprimis lent to William Smith X [*mark*], xx s. His surety Robert Dixon X [*mark*]. Item lent to Matthew Partus, x s. His surety Christofer Man. Item lent to Anthony Hall, xx s. His surety X George Helle marke. Item lent to Cuthbert Wilkinson, xx s. His surety X Willyam Wilkinson his marke. Item lent to Margerie Partus, v s. [*erased*], viij s. received. Her surety Christofer

(1) The earliest mention of the 'house of correction' in addition to the 'gaole.' By 7 Jac. I. c. 4 (A.D. 1610) houses of correction had been required to be built or provided in every county, 'with mills, turns, cards, and suchlike necessary implements, to set rogues, vagabonds, sturdy beggars, or other idle vagrant and disorderly persons, on work.' It was probably owing to the cost of the new house of correction of Durham that we find 24*s.*, instead of 8*s.* 8*d.*, paid in 1619 and afterwards for 'rogue-money.'

Man X [*mark*]. Item lent to Anne Baistow, v s. (*erased*) x s. Her surety, John Bellamye. Item given by Robert Smith to the poore of the parish of Pittington, xx s. Item given by Anthony Hunter of Shadforth by will to the poore of this parish, September xth 1623, tenne pounds.

Sheepe delivered to the Churchwardens, An: Dom: 1624: In primis att Shadforth, five yewes and 3 lambs. Item att Ludworth, three weathers. Item att the Little towne, two —. Item att the Hallgarth, three weathers and two yewes and two lambs. Item att Pittington, one yewe. Item att Sherburne. Item att Pittington hills. Item at Hetton on the hill, one.

Churchwardens elected for the parish of Pittington for this present yeere of our Lord 1624, Martij 30: Simon Lackenby and Henry Cooke; Overseers for the poore: William Hall, Henry Wrangham.

Receipts.—In primis received of the old churchwardens, xxiiij s. Item received for a ceasment of vj d. a pound. Received by Henry Cooke, xiij s. vij d. Item received for a sheepe skin, vj d. Item for wooll, xiij s. Item for a weather skinne, xvj d. Item for sixe weathers, xlvij s. x d. Item for six ewes, xxx s. Item for one ewe, xij s. vj d. Item for four lambs, xj s. vj d. Item for four ewes and one lambe, xj s. vj d. Item received of Raphe Simpson, x s. Item for the Little towne, iiij s. Item for North Pittintonne, v s. x d. Item for Ludworth, xj s. vj d. Item for Shadforth, ix s. vj d. Item received of William Hall for a larestall for a childe, j s. viij d. Item of widow Browne for her husband's larestall, iij s. iiij d. *Summa tot.* x l. iij s. v d.

Disbursements.—In primis paied for the bell balder, ij s. Item paied for a spade shelme, iij d. Item for my dinner when I gave in the presentment att the Assizes, vj d. Item given for gathering the church sheepe, vj d. Item for driveing the sheepe to the markett, ij d. Item bestowed uppon the workemen when the church was plaistered, viij d. Item paied to Henry Stevenson for a table, xij s. Item paid for a spade iron, xij d. Item for a citacion for Christofer Manne,[1] vij d. Item to the gaole and house of correction, xxiiij s. Item for carying the woolle to Durham, iij d. Item for carying and watering 4 loads of lime, xvj d. Item for the articles received of Dr. Cradocke and our charges, v s. Item for the articles and our charges

(1) Churchwarden in the preceding year.

att the visitation, iij s. ij d. Item for articles and our charges att the Bishop's visitation, v s. ix d. Item for four loads of lime and carying, xx s. Item for plaistering the church, xxxij s. iiij d. Item for pointing and ioynting the outside of the church, xij s. Item for glazeing the windowes, x s. Item for painting and whitening of the church, and charges in over seeing, xliiij s. viij d. Item for a locke to the church doore, xviij d. Item for the chimney in the vestry, and for barrs, xiiij s. x d. Item att the visitation to Mr Browne and our charges, iij s. vj d. Item for glasening the vestry window, xxij d. Item paied to John —otton for keepeing the church doore, xij s. ij d. Item for haire for plaistering, v s. x d. Item for my charges and for 2 pennes for the church sheepe, viij d. Item for woode and makeing of two stiles for the churchyard, ij s. Item for washeing the church-clothes, vj d. Item for writeing the presentments and our accompts, xij d. Item for feathers and amending the cushion of the pulpit, vj s. iij d. Item for amending and exchanging of the old bares, x d.

OVERSEERS FOR THE POORE OF THE PARISH OF PITTINGTONNE, AN. DOM: 1624.

Inprimis received of William Smith, which was lent to him the last yeere, xx s. Item paid att the visitation for the articles and our charges, vj s. vj d.

Summâ totalis, x l. xviij s. iiij d. disbursed.

The old churchwardens must receive xiiij s. vj d.

MARTII 9°, 1622.

Memorandum, that it is agreed uppon by the Gentlemen and twelve of Pittington parish the day and yeere above written, that no inhabitant within the parish of Pittington shall receive harbour and entertaine any stranger to be his tenant or tenants into his house or houses, before he acquaint the twelve with his entent, and shall himselfe and two sufficient men with him enter in bond with him to the overseers that neither his tenant, wife, or children, shall be chargeable to the parish for five years next following, uppon paine and penalty to forfeit tenn shillings for every moneth.[1]

(1) This order, evidently considered of importance, all having signed it would be in view of the liability of the parish for the support of its poor under Elizabeth's Poor laws.

Hen. Anderson, Raphe Rutter, Willm Hall, Robert Dixon, Raph Simson, Willm Shadforth, his X marke, Nicolas Whitfield, his X marke, Raph Huntley, his X marke, Henry Wrangham, his I marke, Willm Thursby, Willyam Pearson.

APRILL x, 1624.—Money given to the poore of the parish of Pittington, and delivered to the overseers of the poore for this yeere, William Hall and Henry Wrangham.

Inprimis given by William Ourd, by will, xl s. Item given by Sr Henry Anderson, xl s. Item given by Robert Smith, xx s. Item given by Anthony Hunter, x l. Inprimis lent to Robert Swalwell of Shadforth, xl s. His surety, Robert Dixon. Item lent to Matthew Smith, xx s. Matthew Smith. Item lent to Thomas Roper, xij s. His surety, John Bellamye. Item lent to William Pearson of Sherburne, x l. William Pearson. Item lent to Anthony Hall of Pittington, xxiij s. His surety—.

Memorandum. It is agreed be the consent of the gentlemen and the twelve of this parishe, the xxth of August, An. Dom. 1622: That the common Armes of this parishe being three muskots with the furniter belonging to them, and three costolets with the pikes and all the furneter belonginge to them, shall be maid complet and fully furneshed att the charg of the whole parishe by generall sesment, and after it is maid complet, then to be mantaned and keept in manner followinge that is to say:—

Ludworth, Elemoor hall, Hetton on the hill, Towne Pittington and Littell Pittington.	Shall mantane and keepe from time to tyme and beare all the charges at musters and other tymes when need shall require, both of soulders waiges and pouder and other things belonging to the three common muskots.
Shaudforth, Shearborne, Pittington Hallgarth.	Shall mantane and keepe from tyme to tyme, and beare all the charges at musters and other tymes when need shall require, booth of soulders waiges and other things belonging to the said three common costlets.

And it is further agreed that upon Easter Teuese day yearly

in the fore noone the whole six common armors shalbe brought in and viewed be the twelve of the parish, what case it is in, that it may be mantaned and keept as it ought to be.

Robert Collingwood, Raiph Rutter, Hen: Anderson, Robert Dixon, Willm Thursby, Raph Simson, Henry Cooke.

AN. DOM. 1625. MARTII XXV.

It is agreed uppon by the xij of the parish of Pittington the day and yeare above written that the women of the same parish shall have theire seats in the church in manner following.[1]

In primis John Swalwell's wife of Ludworth, Simond Lackenby of Shadforth, two roomes or seats; for two farmes in Pittington belonging to Sir Henry Anderson, two seates; William Hall's wife of Shadforth, and Raiphe Huntley's wife of the same, have first stall appointed for them.

Item for the second stall William Pearson's wife of Sherburne, Henry Wrangham's wife of Pittingtone, Michael Pattison's wife of Sherburne, Mr Kent's wife of Shadforth, and Richard Matthewe's wife of Pittingtone, and for the north end of the same stall Phillip Haddock's wife of Shadforth.

Item for the third stall William Shadforth's wife of Sherburne, Nicolas Whitfield's wife, Raphe Rutter's wife, John Rawlin's wife, widow Browne, Robert Dixon's wife, and the wife of William Hall of Sherburne.

Item for the fourth stall Raphe Smith's wife, Richard Huntley's wife, William Errington's wife and daughter, Richard Errington's wife, and 3 seats in the stall for Sir Henry Anderson's maid servants.

(1) These notices about stalls, inserted by the vicar Richard Thursby in 1625, are interesting as showing that it was not till that year that *women* —and then, as a rule, *wives* only—had seats assigned them (see *Introduction*); and also how here, as elsewhere, the right in assigned seats implied the power of exchange or sale. In illustration of the 'suits in law' alluded to as likely to arise from 'contending for the first places,' the case of Elinor Richmond and Elinor Hutchinson before the Court of the Officialty in 1602 is given in Appendix B. Such contentions about seats in church appear to have begun at a date long anterior to the Reformation. Cf. 'Item audivimus quod propter sedilia in ecclesia rixantur multoties parochiani, duobus vel pluribus unum sedile vindicantes (*vindicantibus*?); propter quod grave scandalum et divinum sæpius impeditur officium.'—Wilkins, Concil. *ad an.* 1287.

Whereas some of the women were not content with any roomes in the stalls but the first, contending for the first places, to avoid suits in law and to restraine the pride of such, it was agreed uppon by the twelve of the parish of Pittingtone that every one should take their place as they came, such as came first to the church should have the first place in the stall appointed for them. Aug. the 12th, 1625.

Memorandum that Michael Pattison of Sherburne did buy of Henry Cooke the seat which was appointed for his wife in the second stall.

Whereas the fifth stall was builded by William Hall of Shadforth and the Vicar of Pittington, it was agreed on by the twelve of the parish that they 2 shall have the same stall. William Errington of Shadforth did exchange the roome which he had in the fourth stall with the Vicar to have a roome in the fifth stall. RI: THURSBY, Vicar.

Churchwardens elected for the parish of Pittington, April the 19th, 1625: William Pearson, Raphe Huntley.[1] Overseers for the poore: Simon Lackenby, and Henry Cooke.

In primis it is agreed uppon by the twelve of this parish that a cessement of 6*d.* the pound shall be levied for the payment of the house of correction and the gaole, and for other uses concerneing the church, every yeare when the churchwardens enter into theire office.[2]

Receipts for this yeere 1625.—In primis received for a

(1) This Ralph Huntley, chosen churchwarden that year, whose name has often appeared (among the twelve in 1618 and 1629, but erased in the list of 1633), was summoned before the Court of High Commission, A.D. 1635, for having been clandestinely and irregularly married in his own house to Frances his wife 'by an olde man whoe he thinketh was a popish priest,' and for having had his four children, the issue of that marriage, 'baptized privately in his owne house, and not accordinge to the lawes.' He confessed, was committed to prison for one month, fined 50*l.*, and required to bring his children to be baptized openly in his parish church. Having at length produced a certificate of such baptism from Mr. George Shaw, Vicar of Pittington, January 10, 1637, he was dismissed, paying the costs; and in 1638 (March 5), his fine of 50*l.* was mitigated to 3*l.* (Acts of the High Commission Court, *Surt. Soc. Publ.* vol. 34, p. 114.) He thus appears to have been at heart a recusant, though conforming outwardly, as probably others in this and other parishes for a long time were.

(2) It thus appears that a fixed annual rate of 6*d.* in the pound was contemplated, to take the place of the profits of the Church flock which had been sold in the previous year. It will be seen afterwards that a much heavier assessment soon came to be usually required.

cessement of sixpence the pound. In primis received for Ludworth, xi s. vj d. Item received for Shadforth, x s. ix d. Item of Mr Coxon for the Little-towne, iiij s. Item for Sherburne, x s. j d. ob. Of Mr Simpson for Pittington Hallgarth,[1] x s. Item for North Pittington, ix s. iiij d. Item for Hetton on the hill, iiij s. Item for Ellemore Heswell, ix d. Item for a larestall for widow Smith, iij s. iiij d. Item for larestall for widow Browne, iij s. iiij d. *Sum. tota.* iij l. iij s. iij d. ob.

An. Dom. 1625: *Money disbursed.*—In primis paid to the old churchwardens, xiiij s. iij d. Item for crookes and hinges for the table j s. iiij d. Item for a bell-balder, ij s. Item for our charges att the visitacion, iij s. ij d. Item for twice being att Houghton, ix d. Item for washing the church clothes, vj d. Item given to William Smith for keepeing the church-doore, xij d. Item for the gaole and the house of correction, xxiiij s. Item paid for two bookes for the time of the visitation, ij s. iiij d. Item for a booke for the thankesgiveing,[2] vj d. Item for our charges att Houghton 3 times more, xv d. Item paid to Robert Liddell for 2 larestalls, iiij d. Item paid for washeing the church-clothes att Easter, vj d. Item paid to William Smith for keepeing the church-doore, xij d. Item paid for writeing presentments and accompts, xij d. Item paid for wine for the Communion, iiij s. Item for glazeing the windowes and soldering the leads, iij s. x d. Item for our charges att the visitation att Easter, vj s. iiij d. *Sum. tota.* iij l. viij s. j d.

The new churchwardens must pay to the old, iiij s. ix d. ob.

An order for the highwayes within the parish of Pittington, April 19th, 1625: Simone Lackenby and Henry Cooke, overseers for the highways.

It is agreed uppon by the twelve of this parish that the overseers for the highways shall appoint such as have waines or

(1) Mr. Ralph Simpson was lessee of the Manor of Hallgarth after Sir Henry Anderson; the lease, according to Surtees, being reserved to him by the D. and C. in 1626. He was a benefactor to the Stock of the Poor in 1632.

(2) This year was that of the accession of Charles I.; and the 'booke for the thankesgiveing' was probably the form corresponding to that still printed at the end of the Book of Common Prayer, under the authority of a Royal Warrant, to be used on 'the day on which Her Majesty began her happy reign.' Such a service was first appointed on the accession of Charles I. It was disused under Charles II., but revived in a new form on the accession of James II. Discontinued under William III., it was again revived on the accession of Queen Anne, when the present form was compiled, partly from that of James II., and partly new.

draughts and labouring men to come to mend the highwayes in this parish, and repaire the same where the same shall stand in neede, att such times as are appointed by the Statute in that case provided.

It is agreed uppon by the twelve and the overseers have appointed the 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and one and twenteeth days of May next comeing for the amending of all the wayes within the parish of Pittington.

Item it is agreed upon by the twelve of this parish, that, for the provision of bread and wine, every communicant shall pay one penny to the churchwardens, and that every maister of the family shall pay for himselfe, wife, children, and servants.[1]

Money given to the Stocke of the poore of the parish of Pittington, An. Dom. 1625. Simon Lackenby, Henry Cooke.

In primis given by William Ourd by will, xl s. Item given by Robert Smith, xx s. Item given by Sr Henry Anderson, xl s. Item given by Anthony Hunter, x l. Item given by Richard Matthew, x s.

In primis lent to Phillip Haddocke, x l. xvj s. to be paid May 15th, 1626. Item lent to Robert Swalwell, xliij s. to be paid May 15th, 1626. Item lent to John Lambton, xx s. vj d., to be paid May 15th, 1626. Item delivered to Simon Lackenby xx s. Item lent to Thomas Roper, xxj s. vj d., to be paid May 15th, 1626. Item lent to Anthony Hall, xx s., to be paid the same day, and j s. vj d.

May 14th, 1626.

The names of such as have the stocke of the poore of the parish of Pittington.

In primis lent to Phillip Haddocke, x l. xv s., to be paid May 15, 1627. Item lent to Robert Swalwell, xliij s., to be paid the same day. Item lent to Richard Hall, xliij s., to be paid the same day. Item lent to Thomas Roper, xxj s. vj d., to be paid the same day. Item lent to Anthony Hall, xxj s. vj d., to be paid the same day.

Churchwardens elected April 11, 1626: Nicolas Whitfield, and Christofer Trewett. Overseers for the poore: William Pearson and Raph Huntley.

Receipts this yeere, 1626.—In primis for a cessement of

(1) See Introduction, p. 7.

six pence the pound, ij l. xxj s. x d. ob. Item for a cessement of a penny of the pound. Item received of William Shadforth for a lairstall, 3 s. iiij d. Item received of Mr Simpson for a larestall, xx d. *Sum. tota.* iij l. j s. x d. ob.

Expences this yeere, 1626.—Item paid to the clearke for washing the church clothes, xij d. Item for writing our accompts, xij d. Disbursed as abovesaid, iiij l. xj s. x d. Soe there remaineth to be payed to the churchwardens j l. ix s. xi d. ob. Paid by George Preston June 17, xxv s. Item received more of him, x s.

Expences this yeere, 1626.—In primis paid to the old churchwardens, iiij s. ix d. Item paid to the joyner and to the smith for the clearkes seat, and for the south end of Richard Meburne's stall, x s. vj d. Item paid to Mr Chancellor for two bookes, ij s. In primis for our charges and the constables' when wee were att Houghton, May 11th, ix d. Item for our dinner the 5th of June, vj d. Item for our charges August 26, vj d. Item July the 3d, viij d. Item September the eleventh, iiij d. Item October the ixth, viij d. Item October the 28th att Mr Archdeacon's visitation, ij s. x d. Item to the masons for workeing in the church, ij s. iiij d. Item the 6th of Novemb. for our charges att Houghton, iiij d. Item att Houghton Decem. 4, iiij d. Item paid for the gaole and the house of correction, 24 s. Item paid to the smith for the crooke of the church-doore, xij d. Item for lead and lime for the church work, viij d. Item paid more to the joyner, iiij s. vj d. Item paid to William Smith for carying out rubbish about the church, ij s. vj d. Item paid for a bell-string, iij s. Item paid to the plumber for the leads, iij s. Item to the joyner, viij s. 4 d. Item for our charges att Houghton, Janu. 8, iiij d. Item March 11th, iiij d. Item at the Archdeacon's visitation, Aprill 3, v s. viij d. Item for bread and wine, v s. Item more to the joyner, v s.

Churchwardens elected March 27, 1627: George Wandy, and George Preston. Overseers for the poore: Nicholas Whitfield and Christopher Trewett.

Receipts for this yeere, 1627.—In primis for a cessment of six pence the pound, ij l. xvj s. vij d. ob. Item for a cessement of three pence the pound, j l. 8s. iij d. ob. Item for a larestall, iij s. 4 d. *Sum. tota.* iiij l. viij s. iij d.

Expences this yeere, 1627.—In primis paid to the old churchwardens, xxix s. xj d. ob. Item for repairing of the

church porch, x s. Item for the cover for the font,[1] v s. Item disbursed by George Waudy, as it may appeare by a note received from him, and was approved by the twelve, ii l. iiij s. j d. Item paid for wine, v s. Item paid for writeing theire accompts, j s. Item paid att the visitation April 22th, ij s. iiij d. Item paid for a booke, j s. Item paid for our dinners then, iij s. ij d. Item for washing the church cloths att Easter, vj d. To be paid, xiij s. ix d. ob. *Sum. tota.* v l. ij s. ob.

April 20th, 1628.

It was agreed uppon by the gentlemen and twelve of this parish, that whosoever shall take any fox, or pate, or badger, in this parish, and bring the heade to the church, shall have twelve pence paid by the churchwardens.[2]

Money given to the Stocke of the poore of the parish of Pittington and delivered to the Overseers of the same parish, and lent to the parties whose names are here underwritten, Aprill the 22th, 1627. The money was paid in Pittington Chancell; the Overseers stand bound to the parish to pay it the next yeere.

In primis lent to Robert Swalwell xliij s., to be paid the next yeere uppon the 22th day of April, 1628. Item lent to Thomas Roper xxj s. vj d., to be paid the same day. Item lent to Anthony Hall xx s., to be paid the same day. Item lent to Phillip Haddocke x l. xv s. Item lent to Richard Hull xliij s.

Memorandum.—It was agreed uppon by the twelve of this parish, that the Overseers of the parish shall stand bound to the parish for the money by them received, and that the newe Overseers shall every yeere, when they enter to their place, receive the money that is due to the poore which was given to the stocke of the poore of this parish, and shall not lend it out to any but uppon good sufficient bond, to be paid the next yeere when they shall goe out of office, that so the money be in

(1) This was probably the richly carved oak cover, then new, which now is over the font. If so, it superseded an older cover: for see entry A.D. 1586, 'for mendinge the coveringe of the fonte.'

(2) Payments for the heads of foxes, &c., as here ordered, appear in all the books, and were usual everywhere. *Pate* is an old word denoting *badger*, called also *brock* and *gray* in the St. Oswald's and Houghton books.

no danger of looseing, but be continually imployed for the use of the poore, according to the charitable intentions of those that gave it.

William Ourd gave to the stocke of the poore of this parish, xl s. Robert Smith gave, xx s. Sir Henry Anderson, Kn^{t}, gave, xl s. Anthony Hunter of Shadforth gave, x l. Richard Matthew gave, x s.

April 15, 1628.—Money given to the Stocke of the poore of the parish of Pittington, and delivered to the Overseers of the same parish, which was lent to those whose names are here underwritten, and is to be paid to the overseers for the next yeere in Pittington Chancell upon Easter Tuesday.

In primis lent to Phillip Haddocke, x l. — to Thomas Roper, xx s. — to Anthony Hall, xx s. — to Robert Swalwell, xl s. — to Steven Errington, xl s. — to John Yonger, xl s. — to John Middleton, xl s. — to Robert Liddell, xx s.

The names of such as gave money to the Stocke of the poore of the parish of Pittington, April 15, 1628.

In primis, William Ourd gave by will, xl s. — Robert Smith of Pittington, xx s. — Sr Henry Anderson, Kn^{t}, xl s. — Anthony Hunter of Shadforth, x l. — Richard Matthew of Pittington, x s. — George Rawlin of Shinckley, xl s. — William Shadforth of Sherbarne, xx s.

April 15, 1628.—Churchwardens elected: William Errington and John Rawlin. Overseers for the poore: George Preston and Christopher Trewett.

Receipts this yeere.—In primis received for a cessement of 6 d. the pound, ij l. xvj s. vij d. ob. Item for a larestall for Mr Dent, iij s. iiij d. Item for a larestall for Henry Cooke, iij s. iiij d. *Sum.* iij l. iij s. iij d. ob.

Expences for this yeere, 1628.—In primis paid to the old churchwardens, xiij s. ix d. ob. Item paid for a locke for the steeple doore, iiij d. Item more to the gaole and house of correction, i l. iiij s. Item for two paire of bands for 2 seates, iij s. Item at the Archdeacon's visitation, and for our charges then, iiij s. Item for a spade and mending of it, vj d. Item for a prayer, ij d. Item for a bell balder, ij s. vj d. Item for the church mattocke, vj d. Item for glazeing the windowes, iij s. vj d. Item payd for two fox heads and two badger or pate heads, iiij s. Item for laying down 2 larestalls, viij d. Item for washing the church clothes att Easter, vj d. Item for wine for the Communion, v s. Item for writeing the accompts

and presentments, j s. Item payd for an yron barr for the West window, viiij d. *Sum.* iij l. iiij s. x d. ob.

April 7th.—The old churchwardens are to receive of the newe, xix d.

1629.

The names of the twelve of Pittington parish.

Hen. Anderson.	Robart Collingwood.
[Raiph Simeon]	[John Swalwell]
William Pearson	Raiph Huntley
William Thursby	Nicholas Whitfield
Henry Wrangham	Simon Lackenby
Willyam Hall	Willyam Arington
Robart Dixon	John Ralling
Thomas Thursby	*William Swalwell.*

April 7th.—Churchwardens elected for the yeare 1629: Edward Tayler and Willyam Smyth. Overseers for the poore: Willyam Arington and John Ralling.

Receipts this yeere, 1629.—In primis for an assesment of vj d. the pound, ij l. xvj s. vij d. ob. Item for a larestall for Mr Manne, iij s. iiij d. Item for an assessment of 3 the pound, j l. viiij s. iiij d. Item for a larestall for Robert Dixon, iij s. iiij d. *Sum. tota.* iiij l. xj s. vij d. ob.

Expences for this yeere 1629.—In primis paid to the old churchwardens, xix d. Item att my Lord Bishop's visitation for the booke of articles and our charges then,[1] x s. ij d. Item payd to the house of correction and gaole, j l. iiij s. Item payd att Mr Archdeacon's visitation att Michaelmas, xxij d. Item att Durham before the Justices, viij d. Item payd for washing the churchcloths and for 2 larestalls laying downe and for the last yeere's acct, iij s. iij d. And to William Errington, which he paid to Mr Chancellor after he had made his accompts, ij s. 4 d. in all. Item paid att Christmass for washing the church clothes, vj d. Item paid by William Smith more att the visitation by Will. Smith, xx d. Item att the Quarter Sessions for our charges, xii d. Item to John Yonger for mending the bells, xij d. Item nailes and yron, xij d. Item a pound of greese for the bells, iiij d. Item for glazeing the windowes, iiij s. Item to the plummer for soldering the leads,

(1) The primary visitation of John Howson, Bishop 1628–31.

iiij s. Item for a key for the vestry doore, iiij d. Item to the mason for repaireing the vestry, x s. Item for lime, vj s. Item for wine for the Communion, v s. Item paid for washing the churchcloths att Easter, vj d. Item for writeing the presentments and accompts, xij d. Item att the Archdeacon's visitation, v s. vij d. Item for two badger heads and one fox, iij s. *Sum.* iiij l. vj s. v d.

[N.B.—The accounts for 1630 and 1631 are missing.]

Churchwardens elected for this yeare, April the 3[d], 1632. Thomas Thursbye and Willyam Swallwell, Churchwardens; Willyam Pearson, and Phillip Haddocke, Overseers.

In primis rec[d] of a cessement of 1 s. in the l., 5 l. 13 s. 3 d. Item collected of a cessement of 6 d. in the l. for the buying of a Church Bible, 2 l. 16 s. 7 d. Item collected at the communion at Michelmes, 10 d. Item collected at 2 communions at Easter,[1] 3 s. 4 d. Item rec[d] of George Swallwell for a larestall, 3 s. 4 d. 8 l. 17 s. 4 d.

Disbursements, 1632.—Disbursed to Widow Dobison, ij d. To Marm. Grocer, iiij d. To James Cooke, ij d. To Margery Partas, ij d. Distributed at Easter which was collected at 2 Communions, 3 s. iiij d. Item paid for a fee into the court, 2 s. iiij d. To Will. Pearson for a remainder 1 l. 12 s. iiij d. For Roague money, 1 l. 4 s. To Rob[t] Hubberthorne for 2 foxheads, 2 s. At the visitation in October, 4 s. 2 d. To Edward Hodgson, 6 s. 5 d. For washing the church cloathes, 2 s. For the visitation Apr. 30, 4 s. 6 d. For laying 2 larestalls, 8 d. For writeing of the accompts and bonds, 3 s. 6 d. Allowance for wine more than 2 d. a house, 5 s. For the King's provision,[2] 1 l.

5 l. 11 s. 1 d.

Rest to be paid to the new churchwardens, 3 l. 6 s. 3 d.

(1) These are the only instances throughout the book of money collected at the offertory for the poor entering with the churchwardens' accounts. It will be seen that this year it was at once distributed after each collection. There are no signs this year of communions except at Michaelmas and Easter, owing, perhaps, to difficulty in meeting the cost of wine. Observe the entry, 'Allowance for wine more than *2d.* a house.' It may be supposed that many householders had not paid their *2d.* (See *Introduction.*)

(2) In 1631 Charles I. agreed to aid Gustavus Adolphus with an army of 6,000 infantry, which the Marquess of Huntley was employed to levy. The provision may have been for this purpose.

1633.

The names of the twelve of the parish of Pittington.

[Ralph Lamborne]	[Ralph Huntley]
Mr Henry Simpson	[Willyam Arrington]
Willyam Pearson	John Rawling
Symon Lakenby	Willyam Swallwell
Willyam Hall Senior	Willyam Hall, Junior
Henry Wrangham	Willyam Whitfield
Robert Dixon	*James Swalwell*
[Thomas Thursbye]	
Richard Arringtone	

Churchwardens elected for the parish of Pittington for the yeare of our Lord 1633: Robert Dixon and Willyam Junior.

Overseers for the poore: Thomas Thursbye and William Swallwell of Shadforth.

Mem. that it was agreed by the 12 of the parish of Pittington that there shall be a cessement of 4 d. in the pound, Apr. 30th. Mem. that it was agreed by the 12 of the parish of Pittington that there should be a cessment of 8 d. in the pound, March 9, 1633.

William Hall receipts, and Robt Dixon. In primis Recd of the old churchwardens, 3 l. 6 s. 3 d. Item recd of Henry Wrangham for a larestall for a child, 1 s. 8 d. Item recd of 2 cessments the one of 4 d. and the other of 8 d. in the l. 5 l. 14 s. 9 d. Item recd for bread and wine, 16 s.

9 l. 18 s. 8 d.

Disbursements: Robert Dixon, William Hall.—Disbursed for a post horse for the King's use,[1] 7 s. 4 d. To a poore man with a briefe, 4 d. Item paid for the Roague money and house of correction, 1 l. 4 s. — for poynting the church steeple, 2 l. 14 s. 10 d. — at the Deane's visitation,[2] 5 s. 10 d. — for the King's provision,[1] 1 l. 5 s. — for articles, 2 s. 4 d. — for bread and wine at Midsummer, 1 s. 10 d. — for lead and

(1) In 1633 Charles I. went to Scotland to be crowned, passing through Durham, where he was entertained for several days by Bishop Morton, and visited the Cathedral in State. It appears that parishes along his route had to contribute to the cost of his progress.

(2) It thus appears that the Dean (Richard Hunt) held a visitation this year, presumably acting in person as official.

solder, 6 s. 6 d. — for beateing lime, 2 s. — for hayre, 1 s. 2 d. — for wine and bread at Mich., Christmas, and Easter, 19 s. 1 d. — for our charges at the Deane's visitation, 5 s. — for washing the church cloathes, 2 s. — for charges to the laborers, 3 s. 4 d. — to Willyam Smith, 1 s. — for writeing, 1 s.

This is the disbursements of thes churchwardens for the yeere 1633. *Totall Somma*, 8 l. 3 s. 3 d.

Lairstalls due unto the church the yeer, 1634: Edward Talyor, 3 s. 4 d. Mr Mann, 3 s. 4 d. William Whitfield, 1 s. 8 d. John Swalwell, 1 s. 8 d. *Summ.* 10 s.

Aprill 8, 1634.

Churchwardens chosen for the parish of Pettingtone anno Domini 1634: William Whitfield of Sherburn, John Swallwell of Ludworth.

Overseers for the poore, Apr. 8, 1634: Rob. Dixon, Will. Hall.

Recepts for the yeere 1634.—Delivered by the ould churchwardens for the yeere, 1 l. 12 s. Memorandum. It was agreed by the twell of the parish of Pettingtone, Appril 8, that ther should be a cessment of 6 d. in the pound. Memorandum. It was aggreed by the consent of the 12 of the parish of Pett: that ther should be a cesment of 4 d. in the pound, Aug: 10. The whole recept of the churchwardens for this yeere comes to 6 l. 7 s. vij d.

Disbursed of this as followeth.—To William Smith, j s. For the goale, the house of correction, 1 l. 4 s. For 3 fox heads, iij s. John Umphrey for the Bible, ij l. 16 s. 9 d. Item articles, iij s. 6 d. For the bell rope, 4 s. For charges at visitation, ij s. 8 d. For washing the surpcloth, ij s. To William Smith, ij s. For bread and wine, 1 l. 1 s. 4d. Charges at Bus. [*Bishop's*] visitacion, 4 s. Articles at the Archdeacon's visitacion, 1 s. 10 d. Charges then, j s. 4 d. For presents of papis [?],[1] j s. 4 d. *Summa*, 6 l. 8 s. ij d.

1634. The auntient rentes of Pittington. The whole

(1) The letters are crowded and blotted. The entry may mean 'for presentments of papists.'

rentes of the said parish is 114 l. 15 s. as it appeareth thus.[1] Pittington Hallgarth, 20 l. Ludworth, 23 l. Shadforth, 21 l. 10 s. Sherburne, 20 l. 5 s. Hetton on the hill, 8 l. Ellimore Hall, 1 l. 6 s. 8 d. Little towne, 8 l. Pittington, 12 l. 13 s. 4 d. 114 l. 15 s.

Churchwardens chosen for the parish of Pettingtone, March 30, an. dom. 1635: Rich. Etheringtone, Joh. Newbye. Aprill the 9, it was agreed by the twell of the parish of Pettingtone that there should be a seasment sex penns a pound. Maij the 24, it was agreed by the twell of the parish of Pettingtone ther should be a ceasment of sex penns a pound.

Memorandum. The Churchwardens for this yeere did not enter on any monny at ther election but only 5 s. 6 d. Item received of them more for a lare stall, 1 s. 8 d. June the 12, it was agreed by the twell of the parish ther should be a ceasment of sex pens in the pound. August the 7, it was agreed ther should be a cesment of sex pens a pound. Summa of thes 4 cesments comes to the just summe of xj l. jv s. vj d. October the xj, it was agreed by the twell of the parish that ther should be a cesment of sex pens a pound. Februarij 4, it was agreed there should be a ceasment of sex pens a pound for paying of Petter Midletone for the frame at the belfre. This was also agreed by consent of the twell ther should be a ceasment of twell pens a pound for the carryng of the King's Majest. wood, excepting only £21—ancient rent for Ludworth.[2]

The disbursements of the monny of the cesments in the parish of Pettingtone the yeere 1635.

Item 2 yards and 3 quarters of broad cloath, 1 l. 6 s. 1 d. Item for the goale and house of correction, 1 l. 4 s. For the masons for flagging the midle aly, 1 l. 7 s. For dressing 2

(1) This, the first valuation of the rental of the parish, was made with view to assessment for rates, now become a regular system. For a later valuation see A.D. 1689. Observe the heavy rates this year (though still heavier in some years afterwards), amounting to 4*s*. in the pound, owing partly to the flagging of the church (now probably for the first time), to the repairs required in the belfry frame—repairs only, for the present frame as a whole is more ancient, and probably original—and the King's ship-money, as to which see note following.

(2) King Charles' notorious ship-money was levied this year, having been in 1634 charged on the seaport towns, and in 1635 extended to the country under writs to the Sheriffs, to aid in furnishing the King's ships. It appears from the disbursements that wood for the purpose was got from Witton Park, and that the whole cost to the parish was 2*l*.

fother of new flaggs, 3 s. Given to William Whitfield, 2 d. Item payed for lime, 4 s. Item for the five fother of flaggs and ther carrage to the church, and ther charges that brought them in ther, with my owne charges, and also given to the massons att ther hireing, and also sent to them at the church; all which comes to 1 l. 18 s. 2 d. Item payed to the massons on the last aggrement, j l. iv s. Payed for sand bringing to the Church, and given to the massons men for laying straight the great stone within the dore which was not in the covenant, and in charges, 4 s. 6 d. Item to a masson for takeing downe the window, 1 s. Item for bands and snek and loups to the pulpit, 1 s. 4 d. Item more for nails and the makeing of the pulpit fast, 3 d. Item to Peter Midletone for making minions [= *munions* or *mullions*] for the window, and also a firr-dele for the window in the steple, and other things belonging to the church, 4 s. Item to William Smith his quarter wage, j s. Item siseing and oyling of the new window, 8 d. Item for dressing the church, 4 d. For glase to the new window and mending the ould, 9 s. 9 d. For the massons' charges, the glassener, the ioyner, and the churchwardens' charges sex dayes att the church, and on day att Durham, 4 s. 1 d. Item more my partner payed for bringing lime to the church, 2 s. 4 d. Item payed to William Whitfeeld 7 groats which he layed out for fees at the bussop's visitacion. Item given by the consent of the parish to a breefe for the ministry of the Palatine,[1] to make it up 5 s., 1 s. 3 d. Item payed concerning the leading of the King's wood, 1 l. 13 s. Item for more oure charges in attending that service 2 dayes, 2 s. Item for bread and wine att the Communion, 2 s. 5 d. Item payed to Mr Raph Hutton for the monicion at the visita: 6 s. 8 d. Item payed to Mr Bullock his register for fees, 1 s. 10 d. Item to the caller in the court, 4 d. Item for our charges, the minister[2] and oure owne, att Dome [*Durham* ?], 2 s. Item for my charges at Witton, 4 s. 4 d. Item in charges

(1) For the support of Protestant ministrations in the Palatinate. Cf. above, A.D. 1620, page 77, note (1).

(2) The use here for the first time of the word *Minister* instead of *Vicar* may be taken as a sign of the times, especially as the word now generally used by the common people in the diocese of Durham is not *Minister*, but *Priest*. The Vicar was George Shaw (1631–62), who probably had puritanical tendencies. He retained the living undisturbed during the Commonwealth.

with the Captain's man when I should have payed the mony, 8 d. *Summa* of this cometh to xj l. 16 s. vj d.

Churchwardens for the parish of Pettingtone chosen Aprill 19, anno Domini 1636. By the twell it was aggreed that James Swallwell, William Braun, should serve this yeer in the office of Churchwardens. Ap. 25, it was aggreed by consent of the twell of the parish of Pettingtone that there should be a cesment of eight penns a pound, and an other afterwards of 4 d. a pound, which comes to five pounds, 14 s. 9 d. Payed for the dinners, and fees of the court, 8 s. 4 d. Item to Petter Midleton for the church gates, 1 l. 4 s. Item to Rob. Hubberthorne for 3 fox heads, 3 s. Item for a bell string, 3 s. 4 d. Item for the goale mony and house of correction, 1 l. 4 s. Item to Pet. Midleton for mending of the curch dore, 1 s. 10 d. Item Phellip Haddock for a cariadge, 4 s. Item for the bands of the curch gates, 3 s. 8 d. Item for bread and wine at Midsummer, 2 s. 6 d. Item for bread and wine at Michaelmass, 2 s. 11 d. Item for our charges at the last visitacion with our dinners and ——, 6 s. 4 d. Item for bread and wine at Christmass, 5 s. 5 d. For washing surpcloth, 1 s. Item to William Portar for two bords, 2 s. Item to a poore man, 6 d. Payed to John March for a bell balder, 2 s. Item for bread and wine upon Palme Sonday, 5 s. 3 d. Item for bread and wine on Good Friday, 1 s. 3 d. Item for bread and wine on Easter even, 5 s. 3 d. Payed to William Smith, 1 s. More to William Smith at Easter, 1 s. For washing the church clothes, 1 s. For writting our acconts, 1 s. For our charges at the visitacion at Easter, and fees of the Court, 7 s. *Summa*, 5 l. 17 s. ix d.

Churchwardens chosen for the parish of Pettingtone. Chosen Aprill ii, 1637: William Harrison, Robert Meaburne. Received by the new churchwardens this present yeere, April 23,—the just (?) sume of ten shillings 5 d. More rests in William Brown's hand of his ould reckning, j s. 4 d. A cesment of 6 d. in the pound to be presently levied, 1637: Novemb. 26, 1637, it was agreed upon by the 12 of the parish that there should be a ceasse of 4 d. a pound, and that the churchwardens should presently levy it.

Monie dispoursed for the Church use. 1637.—Fower fox heads, iiij s. A decayed minester, j s. For glaseninge, iij s. 7 d. For bread and wine, iiij 4 d. New artickels, 1 s. For goale monie, 1 l. 4 s. For charges at receiving the new artickels, 6 d. A new book, 3 s. 6 d. For minester and

churchw. diners, 1 s. 6 d. Bread and wine, 6 s. 3 d. Bell wheales, 1 l. 11 s. For fees at visitation, 2 s. 2 d. For minester's and chourchwardens, 1 s. 6 d. For lyme, 1 s. 4 d. For the segerston [*sexton*], 1 s. For help to hing the bell, 2 s. For bread and wine at Christmas, 5 s. For washinge the sirpcloth, 1 s. For bread and wine, 12 s. 2 d. For charges at the seeinge, 7 s. For writting the reckninge, 1 s. For washing the sirpcloth, 1 s. For the seggerston, 3 s. *Somme*, 5 l. 18 s. 10 d.

Received for the twooe sesments aforesaid, and tenn shillings five pence, the som, 5 l. 5 s. 9 d. And fowerteen shillings for hallebread silver.[1] Som received in all is 5 l. 19 s. 9 d.

PITTINGTON PARISH, 1638.

The election of the newe churchwardens for this yere by common consent: Symond Lackenby of Shaudforth, and Robert Chilton of Hetton on hill.

Overseers for the poore this yeare: William Whitefeild, Hallgarth; Robert Mebourne, Shadforth.

Delivered unto the new chourchwardens in monie, ij d. There was also a ceasment layed, 8 d. a pound. Martij 3,

(1) Cf. 'holly bread silver,' A.D. 1640. *Holy bread*, or the *holy loaf*, was the name before the Reformation for the loaf or cake offered at the altar by parishioners in turn, which was blessed, and afterwards distributed; the usage being the remnant of the ancient one of the Eucharist itself being consecrated out of bread offered by the worshippers. Cf. *Surtees Soc. Publ.* vol. 21, p. 281. 'About 30 years agoo and senc, the inhabitors [of St. Margaret's in Durham], according as their course fell, have brought every Sonday ther hallybread caike in a towell open on ther brest, and laid yt downe upon the ende of the hye alter of St. Oswald's, and 1½d in money also with the said caik; and the clerke toke the caik, and the proctor the silver; and after the caik was hallowed, the said clerke cut off a part of the said caike, cauld the hally breid cantle, to gyve to ther next neighbour, whose course was to gyve the holly bread the next Sonday.' In the rubric after the Communion Office of 1549 (the clergy being then required to find the elements at their own cost), it is ordered that 'the parishioners of every parish shall offer every Sonday, at the time of the Offertory, the just valour and price of the holy loaf (with all such money and other things as were wont to be offered with the same) to the use of their Pastors and Curates, and that in such order and course as they were wont to find and pay the said holy loaf.' These entries in our book show the long continued use of the old term, 'hallibread,' as applied to the elements of Communion themselves. So also in the St. Oswald's Book (1619-20), 'Paid for holye brede for the Communion.'

1638: the which day there was a ceasment aggreed upon for a grote a pound.

APRIL 16, 1639.

Chosen churchwardens for the parish of Pettingtone this present yeere by comon consent: William Futtrope, Edward Smith.

Overseers for the poore this yeere: Symon Leakenby, Rob. Chilton.

Ap. 16, it was aggreed there be a ceasment of 6 d. in the pound. Martij 16, it was aggreed of a ceasment of 4 d. in the pound. Decemb. 4, it was aggreed of a ceasment of 4 d. in the pound.

Monny depursed by the curchwardens this yeere.—To George Reed, 1 l. 4 s. For a carriadge to Newcastle,[1] 13 s. For bread and wine at Michelmass, 4 s. 5 d. Item payed to Symon Lakenby, 3 s. 1 d. Item for bread and wine at Midsommer, 5 s. 8 d. Item for charges at Durham, 4 s. 7 d. Item for the Church dore lock and key, 1 s. 6 d. Item to William Smith, 1 s. Item for thre post horses,[1] 3 s. Item for bread and wine at Easter, Palm Sunday, 6 s. 8 d. Item on Mononday in Easter week, 8 d. For bread and wine on Easter day, 7 s. 3 d. Item for a load of coals, 5 d. Item to William Smith, 1 s. Item for wretting a presentment, 6 d. Item for mending the church windows, 1 s. Item for wretting the presentment, 6 d. Item for laying downe the graves and carrying away the rubish, 1s. 4 d. Item to William Smith, 1 s. Item for a presentment writting, 6 d. Item for —— at the visitation, 3 s. 6 d. Item for 4 sacks of lime, 4 s. Item to John —— wife, 10 d. To Elizabeth Juby [?], 1 s. For two Church books, 10 s. 6 d. For a presentment, 6 d. For a monition, to the Officiall, 6 s. 8 d. For bread and wine at Christmass, 5 s. 5 d. For laying of flaggs in the curch, 4 d. To William Smith, 1 s. To the plummers, 1 s. For wretting, 1 s. For the book of articles, 4 s. 8 d. For the mending of the leads, 19 s. For wine on good Fryday and Easter Mononoay, 3 s. 8 d. To Cudbert Sympson's wife sex pens a Sonday per annum, 1 l. 6 s. *Sum.* 6 l. 11 s. 0 d.

(1) Probably in the King's service. In this year, the Covenant having been proclaimed in Scotland, he collected an army, and went himself to Berwick, where the 'Pacification of Berwick' was concluded. On his road he was entertained at Durham by Bishop Morton.

APRIL 7, 1640.

Chosen churchwardens for the parish of Pettingtoune this present yeere; Geo. Swalwell, Michal Pattison. Overseers for this present yeere: William Fultrope, Edward Smith.

April 19, 1640, it was aggreed of —— 6 d. a pound. April 14, 1640, it was aggreed of a ceasment of 2 d. a pound. Julij 26, 1640, it was aggreed of a ceasment of 1 s. 6 d. a pound. March 3, it was aggreed ther should be a ceasment of —— of the pound.

The names of the twell of the parish of Pettingtoune, 1649. [Mr George Collenwood], [Mr Henry Sympson], *Mr William Blakstone*, Symon Leackenbie, [Robert Dixon], William Hall, John Rowell, Richard Hethringtoune, William Whitfeild, [John Rawling], William Swalwell, James Swalwell, [Henry Wrangham], [Anthonie Young], Henry Cook, *George Swallwell, Robert Bellamie, Robert Rutter.*

Disbursed for the use of the parish by the churchwardens, anno 1640.—Item for charges when we wer sworne,[1] 10 s. Item for a carriadge,[2] 6 s. Item for a Communion at Midsomer, 4 s. Item for Roog mony, 1 l. 4 s. Item for a Communion at Michalmass, 6 s. Item for a Communion at Christmass, 4 s. Item for Comn at Easter, 15 s. Item to the clerk's wife, 2 s. Item for flaggs, 12 s. 6 d. Item for foxes heads to Hubberthorne, 2 s. Item for mending of the church gate, 4 d. Item for laying down a grave, 6 d. Item for mending Sherburn Bridge, 5 s. Item for the stalls, 1 l. 7 s. Item charges when the stalls came, 1 s. Item to William Smith, 4 s. *Summa*, 6 l. 14 s. 2 d.

Item disbursed by the churwardens of this foresaid summe

(1) This is the last reference to any ecclesiastical jurisdiction. On July 4, 1641, the King at last consented to pass an Act abolishing the Court of High Commission, which Act was so framed as to take away the coercive jurisdiction of all Spiritual Courts, which consequently remained in abeyance till its revival by 13 Car. II., 12. In the parish of Pittington, however, the cessation of discipline seems to have led to no remissness on the part of the parish. Communions continue to be celebrated, and the elements provided, churchwardens are annually elected, though not sworn, and cesses laid for the reparation of the church. Not so, it will be seen, with regard to Communions at least, in the parishes of Houghton and St. Oswald's. It is remarkable in the Pittington book that it is not till 1660, the year of the Restoration, that all mention of cesses for Church purposes ceases, nothing but the annual election of Churchwardens and Overseers being recorded till 1686, after which date provision for the poor is still the only matter that enters into these accounts.

(2) The King paid a visit to Scotland in 1640.

more than they have receved, 6 s. 2 d. Of which Littletoune hath not payed 5 s. 4 d. Also Hetton on the hill, 10 d.

Item this yeere, 1640, the churchwardens receved of the parish for holly bread silver but only 3 s. 6 d., and the remainder is yet in the people's hands.

Churchwardens chosen for the parish of Pettingtoune this yeere 1641: Matthew Smith, Richard Cotes. A cease layed by the twell this present yeere, 1642, of 4 d. a pound. Overseers for this yeere 1641: George Swalwell, Michaell Pattison. It was aggreed by the xij of the parish there be a ceasment of 1 s. a pound to be levied presently.

Memorandum, that thes above mentioned churchwardens shall continue for this yeere also 1642, they not haveing beene sworne or imployed the former yeere, viz. 1641. It was aggreed by the consent of the xij there be a ceasment of 2 d. a pound, March 28, 1642.

Disbursements for the yeere 1641 by the Churchwardens, George Swalwell and Michael Pattison.

Item for 3 Comunyons in 1642, 16 s. Item at Easter the yeere 1642 for a Communion, 16 s. Item charges at Durham for the provishion,[1] 2 s. 6 d. Item to William Smith, 4 s. Item to a poore man, 6 d. *Summa*, 38 s. 6 d. (39 s.)

Item owing to the two present churchwardens of the disbursement which they have given out more then they receved, 3 s. 11 d. Of this 3 s. 11 d. Hetton on the hill is in arrere, 2 s. 8 d. As also Pettingtoune is in arrere, 8 d. Item Ludworth is in arrer of this, 7 d.

Memorandum, the 6 day of Maij 1642, William Hall had 23 s. of mony in his hand which he is to deliver to the overseers for this yeere.

The dispursements of Rich. Cotes and Mathew Smith, Churchwardens of this parish anno 1642, for the said yeere.

(1) This was probably for the maintenance of the Scotch Covenanters. On August 20, 1640, they crossed the Tweed, and, after defeating Lord Conway at Newburn on the Tyne, entered the Bishopric of Durham. 'At first they behaved with studied moderation, and professed their intention to pay for everything they wanted, but, finding the two counties of Northumberland and Durham at their mercy, they became less scrupulous, exacted a sum of 850*l.* daily for their maintenance, seized the tithes and rents of the clergy, and supplied themselves with coals and forage at their discretion. In these circumstances the bishop thought it proper to retire into Yorkshire. Walter Balcanqual, the dean, and the rest of the clergy, also fled.' (*Diocesan Histories*, S.P.C.K.: *Durham*, by J. L. Low, M.A.)

Receved by Mathew Smith and Ric. Cotes this present yeere, 1 l. 16 s. 7 d. Item receved more of a cease of 2 d. pound, 19 s. 1 d. ob. Disbursed of this first recepts, 1 l. 3 s. Item more, 1 l. 11 s. 9 d.

Churchwardens chosen for the parish of Pettingtoune this present yeere, 1643: Robert Bellamie doth serve for Littletoune: Robert Bellamie, William Hall of Shereburne.

Overseers for the poore this present yeere 1643: Mathew Smith, Richard Cotes.

It was aggreed, Junij 18, 1643, that there be collected a cease of 2 d. in the pound.

In the parish of Pettingtoune.

Churchwardens for this yeere present, 1645.

April 8, 1645.—Philip Haddock of Shadford, Richard Featherstone in Hetton on the hill.

Maii 3, 1646.—Chosen to be overseers for the poore of the parish of Pettingtoune this yeere: Philip Haddock, John Atkinson.

Maii 3, 1646.—It was aggreed by the consent of the twell that a cease sould be levied of 1 s. 6 d. per £ for providing of the elements att the Communion.

Maii 3, 1646.—John Lazing was appointed to be bedle for driving doggs out of the church in time of public worship, and other necessary dutys.

Maii 17, 1647.

The names of the twell of the parish of Pettingtoune: Mr William Blakstone, [Symon Lakenbie]: *Mr Will. Midford*, William Hall, [Robert Dixon], William Wheetfeeld, John Rowell, Henry Coock, Richard Heddringtoune, James Swalwell, [William Swalwell], Robert Bellame, John Younger, Robert Rutter, *Thomas Caverlye, John Rawling.*

April 29, 1647.—It was aggreed that there should be collected one cease of 2 s. 6 d. per pound for the use of the parish.

Feb: 24, 1647, it was aggreed that one cease should be collected of 2 s. 6 d. per pound for the use of the parish.

April 10, 1648.

Chosen Overseers of the poore for this present yeere: Robert Rutter, John Younger:

APR. 10, 1647.—It was aggreed this 10 of April that there should be a cease collected of 2 s. 6 d. per pound.

Collected by the overseers for the poore of this parish, viz. William Hall of Pettingtoune and John Atkenson of Hetton on the hill, this present yeere, two ceases of 2 s. 6 d. per pound. and distributed accordingly by consent of the twell to the poore of the parish, amounting to the summe of 3 l. 14 s. 6 d., beside diverse other monnys which was given them, and 2 l. which was given them of the interest of the stock of the poore of the parish.

ANNO DOM. 1649.

Churchwardens for this present: John Whetfeeld of Shereburne, John Thompson of Ludworth. Overseers for the poore in this parish for this present yeere: Robert Rutter, John Younger.

DECEMBER 10, 1649.—It was aggreed by the consent of the twell of this parish to collect a cease of 6 s. 8 d. per pound for reparing the church windows and other necessary uses of the parish.

APRILL 16, 1650.

Chosen Overseers for the poore of the parish of Pettingtoune this present yeere: John Wheetfeeld of Shereburne, John Thompson of Ludworth.

APRILL 16, 1650.—Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeere: Peter Russell for Pettingtone Halgarth, Robert Meaburne for Shadford.

APRILL 16, 1650.—It was aggreed by the consent of the twell of this parish that a cease of four shillings per pound be collected for the bread and wine at the Sacrament, and the goale mony, and other necessary usses about the church.

JULY 30, 1650.—Accounted by the foresaid churchwardens for this foresaid ceasement, and it is fully layed out by them.

JANUARY 30, 1650.—It was aggreed by the will of the parish that there be collected a cease of four shillings per pound for the publick use of the parish.

APRILL 8, 1651.

Chosen Overseers for the poore of the parish of Pettingtone this present yeere: Peter Russell for Halgarth, Robert Meaburne for Shadfoord.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeere: Robert Darneton, James Wattson.

APRILL THE 19, 1652.

Chosen Overseers for the poore: James Watson, Raph Gargall.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: William Watson, Marmaduke Swallwell.

JULIE THE 11th, 1652.

Delivered to Raiph Gargal of Pittington for the use of the poore, 9 s. 8 d.

MAY THE 1th, 1652.—Raiph Gargall disbursed to Marmaduke Bee for dressing the leads, 3 s. 0 d.

APR. THE 12th, 1653.

Churchwardens chosen for this yeare: George Robinson, Richard Wille.

1653.—Chosen Overseers for this present yeare: Marmaduke Swallwell, Wm. Watson.

MARCH THE 5 DAY, 1653.—It is agreed by the twelve of the parish that a sessment of two shillinges per pound to be fourthwith gathered for the use of the parish for byinge breade and wine.

MAII THE 16, 1653.—It is agreed by the twelve of the parish that a sessment of fower shillings per pound be forthwith gathered for the use of the poore by the Churchwardens and the Overseers.

1654.

Chosen Overseers for this yeare: Richard Willey, Geo. Robinson.

APRILL 2, AN. DOMINI 1654.—Choosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Will. Browen of Shirburne, John Clarke of Fatclose.

Choosen Overseers for this present yeare: Geo. Robinson of Shirburne, Richard Willees of Pittington.

MAY 7, ANNO DOMINI, 1654.—Its ordered by the twelve of the parish that a sess of foure shilling the pound be furthwith gathered for repayring of the church by the Churchwardens and Overseers.

JANUARIE THE FIRST, 1654.—Item ordered by the twelve of the parish that a sessement of twelve pence per pound be forthwith leavied by the Churchwardens.

MARCH THE 30, 1655.

Item ordered by the twelve of the parish that a sessement of three shillings per pound be forthwith leavied by the Churchwardens.

APRILL THE XXJ DAY, 1655.—Chosen Churchwardans for this present yeare: Michell Pattesoun and George Burlisoun.

Chosen Overseers for this presente yeare: William Brown, John Clarke.

ANNO DOMINI 1656, APRILL 8.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Robert Huntley and Richard Elstob.

Chosen Overseers for this present yeare: Rich. Patteson, Geo. Burletson.

ANNO DOMINI 1656, OCTOBER 26.—Its ordered by the twelve of the parish, that a sess of two shillings a pound be forthwith gathered for repayring of the church and to be collected by the Churchwardens.

Its further ordered, March 8, by the twelve of the parish that a sess of twelve pence a pound be furthwith gathered for buying of bread and wine by the Churchwardens.

MARCH 31th, 1657.

Chosen Churchwardens for this yeare: Thomas Chipches and Philip Haddocke.

Chosen Overseers for this yere: Rob. Huntley, Richard Elstobe, [Robert Bellerby].

ANN. DOMINI 1657, MARCH 31.—Its further ordered, March 31, by the twelve of the parish that a sess of one shilling and six pence a pound be furthwith gathered for buying of bread and wine by the Churchwardens.

Chosen Overseers for the hywayes: Richard Willey, Peter Russell.

NOVEMBER 20, ANNO DOMINI 1657.—Its ordered by the twelve of the parish that a sess of two shillings and six pence a pound be forthwith gathered for repairing of the bels and for other things as are necessary for the church.

MARCH THE 31, 1657.—Ordered by the consent of the twelfe that James Swalwell and Thomas Calverley shall pay to Cuthbert Winter the 24th of May next ensuing the some of one pound seven shillings, which moneyes are for the bynding of

John Gambesbye as an apprentice to him the said Cuthbert Winter. Witnesse our hands, William Midford, William Hall, John Rawling, Robart Bellamye, Thomas Calverlay, Richard Heddrington, Henerry Lakenby.

ANNO DOMINI 1658, APRILL, 5 DAY.

Its ordered by the twelve of the parish that a sess of one shilling and six pence a pound be forthwith gathered for buying bread and wine for the Communion by the Churchwardens.

APRILL 13th, ANNO DOMINJ 1658.—The names of the twelve. Mr Blakiston, [Will. Hall], Will. Whitfeild, Richard Edrington, [Robt Bellerby], Joh. Rawling, [John Clarck], *Nico. Simpson, John Swalwell, Henry Cooke,* Thomas Calverley, [Henry Lackenby], [Henry Cooke], [John George], George Swalwell sen., [John Swalwell Son of Will. Swalwell], [Henry Westmerland], [Richard Willy], *Chr. Midford, John Atkinson, John Younger, William Swalwell, William Hall, Symon Lakenby, John Woosie.*

Chosen by the twelve of the parish for this present yeare Churchwardens: Henry Westmerland, Robert Rutter.

Chosen likewise by the twelve Overseers for the poore this yeare: Tho. Chipchase, Joh. Darnton.

SEPTEMBER 12, ANNO DOMINJ 1658.—Its agreed by the twelve and ordered that a sess of thre shillings foure pence be forthwith gather for the repayring of the church.

MARCH 21th, ANNO DOMINJ 1658.—Its ordered by the twelve and agreed upon that a sess of two shillings a pound be furthwith gathered and collected for bread and wine.

APRILL 5, ANNO DOMINI 1659.

Chosen by the twelve of the parish for this present yeare Churchwardens: Richard Willie, Will. Swallwell.

Chosen Overseers for this present yeare 1659 for the high waies: Thomas Caverley, John Rawling.

Chosen Overseers for the poore for this present yeare 1659: Henrie Westmoreland, Robert Rutter.

APRILL 24, ANNO DOMINI 1660.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: John Wouff and Will. Davison. Chosen also Overseers for the same yeare: Rich. Willy and Will. Swalwell.

APRILL 16, AN. DOMINI 1661.

Choosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Robert Jeferson, Mat. Gargave. Choosen Overseers for this present yeare: John Wouff, Will. Davidson. Choosen Overseers for the hy wayes: Tho. Calverly, Hen. Cooke.

1662.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: George Robinson, Thomas Whitfild. Chosen Overseers for this present yeare: Robert Jeferson, Mathew Gargrave. Chosen Overseers for the hy wayes for this present yeare: Richard Grinton, John Younger.

1663.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Will. Errington, Rob. Russell. Chosen Overseers for the poore: Tho. Whitfield, Geo. Robinson. Chosen Overseers for the hy wayes: John Atkinson, John Swalwell.

1664.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Clement Watson, Tho. Hall. Chosen Overseers for the poore: Robt Russell, Will. Erington. Chosen Overseers for the high wayes: Chr. Midford, John Rawling.

1665.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: John Hall, Ro. Clarke. Chosen Overseers for the poore: Clement Watson, Tho. Hall. Chosen Overseers for the high wayes: Will. Whitfeild, Tho. Calverley.

1666.

Chossen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Hennery Cooke, John Clarke. Chossen Overseers for this present yeare: Robert Clarke, John Hall. Chossen Overseers for the high ways: Mr Will. Simson, Simond Lackenby.

1667.

Chossen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Thomas Fatherley, Georg Reed. Chossen Overseers for the poore: John Clerk, Henry Cooke. Chosen Overseers for the hiewaies: John Younger, William Trewhett.

The names of the twelve. Mr Will. Sympson, Mr Chr. Midford, John Rawling, Rich. Edrington, Tho. Calvery, Will. Swalwell, John Younger, John Atkinson, [Symond Lackenby], Henry Cooke, [Will. Whitfeild], John Clarke, [Anthony Younge], *Mr Thomas Hall, George Johnson.*

1668.

Choosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Richard Edrington, John Milner. Overseers for the poore: Tho. Hatherly, Geo. Reah. Overseers for the high wayes: Mr Chr. Midford, John Clarke.

APRILL, 1669.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare: Tho. Calvarly, George Swalwell. Overseers for the poore: Rich. Etherington, John Milner. Overseers for the highwayes: John Atkinson, Athony Younge.

APRILL THE 5, 1670.

Overseers for the highwayes: Henery Cooke, John Younger. Chosen Churchwardens for this present year: John Atkinson, John Watson Jun. of Hetton on the hill. Choosen Overseers for this yeare: Tho. Calverley and Geo. Swalwell.

APRILL THE 25th, 1671.

Choosen Churchwards for this present: John Rawling, Valentine Smith. Chosen Overseers for this yeare: Mr William Simpson, Simon Lackenby.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present year 1672: Mr Christopher Midford, Thomas Kearton. Chosen Overseers for the highways: Mr Thomas Calverley, George Johnson. Chosen Overseers for the poore for this yeare: John Rawling, Valentine Smith.

APRILL THE 1, AN. DOM. 1673.—Choosen Churchwardens for this yeare by the Vicar and his twelve: George Johnson, George Man. Choosen Overseers for this yeare: Chr. Midford and Thomas Kirton. Choosen Overseers for the hy wayes: Thomas Hall and Henry Cooke.

APRILL THE 21th, 1674.—Chosen Churchwardens for this yeare by the Vicar and twelve: Mr Will. Sympson, James

Swalwell. Chosen Overseers for the poore: Geor. Man and Geo. Johnsons. Chosen Overseers for the hy wayes: Tho. Fatherly and John Younger.

1675.—Chosen Churchwardens for this yeare by the Vicar: Thomas Fatherley, Will. Tayler. Chosen Overseers for the poor: Mr Will. Symson and James Swallwell. Overseers for the wayes: Mr Will. Symson, John Rawling.

Choosen Churchwardens for the yeare of our Lord God 1676: William Swalwell, Thomas Gelson. Choosen Overseers for the poore: Will. Tayler, Tho. Fatherley. Overseers for the wayes: Mr Christophar Midford, John Clarke.

Chosen Churchwardens this present yeare 1677: Henry Cooke, Raiph Thompson. Overseers for the poore: Will. Swalwell, Tho. Gelson. Overseers of highewayes: Simon Baly, Geo. Johnson.

Chosen Churchwardens for this yeare of our Lord God 1678: Symon Baliff, Cuthbert Allison. Overseers of poore: Henry Cooke, Raiph Thompson. Overseers for the high wayes: Robert Bellarbe, James Swalwell.

Chosen Churchwardens for this yeare of the Lord God 1679: Robert Bellerby, John Sadler. Overseres of the poore: Simonde Balife, Cudbert Alison. Overseres for the high wayes: Thomas Hall, Hennery Cooke.

Chosen Churchwardens for this present yeare 1680: John Clarke, William Nickellson. Chosen Overseres for the poore: Robert Bellamy, John Sadler. Chosen Overseres for the hey wayes: Robert Shaw, Richard Lackenby.

Chosen Churchwardens for the year 1681: John Rawlin, Mich. Ingram. Chosen Oversears for 1681: John Clarck, Will. Nicholson. Oversears for the highe wayes: Ed. Shipperdson, Will. Swallwell.

Chosen Churchwardens for the year 1682: Tho. Davison, Robertt Coltman, younger. Oversears for the poore: John Rawling, Mich. Ingram. Overseers for the poore: Robt Bellaubie, Symon Lackenbie. Overseers for the highwayes: Mr Christ. Midford, James Swalwell.

Chosen Churchwardens for the year 1683: Geo. Taler, Jo. Watson. Oversears for the poore: [Symon Lackenbie],

[Robt Bellenbie], Tho. Davison, Robt Coltman. Oversears for the highe wayes: Symon Baly, Hen. Cooke.

Chosen Overseers for the high wayes this year 1684: John Rawling and Robert Bellarbe. Chosen Churchwardens the same yeare: Anthony Burden, John Watson of Shadforth. Overseers for the same yeare: John Watson of Hetton on the hill, Geo. Taylor.

Chosen the yeare 1685: Robert Gelson, Rich. Adamson, Churchwardens. Anthony Burden, John Watson of Shadforth, Overseers for the poor. Simon Lackenby, Willm Swalwell, Overseers for the highways.

1686.—Robt Gelson has in his hands	0^{l}	16^{s}	9^{d}
Willm Kirkson has in his	2	9	2
(they being overseers for the year)			
	3	5	11

Chosen for Trustees for the poor for the year 1687: [Thomas Davison], Richard Lackenbie, Simon Balive. Chosen for Churchwardens the same year: John Shipperson, [John Swalwell], Thomas Kirton.

Chosen Overseers for the same year: George Swalwell, Cuthbert Allinson. Chosen overseers for highways this year; John Rawling Senr, William Swalwell.

Given into the hands of Cuthbert Allinson three and fiftie shillings and ninepens, and to George Swalwell four and fiftie and two pens. May 20th, 1687.

Mrs Dorothy Shaw gave 5 pounds to the Poor of the Parish of Pittington: which being added to the Stock makes 3 score and nineteen pounds. 1687.

APRILL 17th, 1688.

	£	s.	d.
The Overseers for the Parish of Pittington for the preceeding yeare have disbursed . .	13	8	9
The have received of the parish . . .	11	12	11
Due to the Overseers from the parish . .	1	15	10
Whereof they have in their hands . . .	0	13	0
The Churchwardens have disburs'd . .	6	18	6
They have received of the parish . . .	7	10	0
Due to the parish from the Churchwardens .	0	11	6

Chosen Trustees for the Poor Stock of the Parish of Pittington for the yeare 1688 (Poor Stock amounts to 79 l.): Rob[rt] Bellamy, Simon Lackenby. Chosen Churchwardens for the same yeere: Rob[rt] Davison, Rob[rt] Merriman.

Chosen Overseers for the poor of the same parish for the same yeare: Richard Hall, [John Shipperdson], Tho. Kirton. Chosen Overseers for the High Ways of the same parish for the same yeare: Edward Shipperdson, Will[m] Rawling.

APRILL 17, 1688.—Agreed by so many of the twelve as were present that Will[m] Hudson shall have 4 s. quarterly, and Will[m] Manne to have 3 s. quarterly, both their payments to beginne at Lammas next.

1688. MAY 12.—Received of the old overseers by Thomas Kirton 3 shillings 2 pens. Receeved for the use money the sume of 3 pounds 19 shil. by Thomas Kirton and Richard Hall, Overseers for the poore.

THE BOOK OF RATES OF PITTINGTON PARISH.

	£	s.	d.
Halgarth with two farms in Pittington belonging thereunto	2	15	0
Pittington town	1	0	0
Hetton on the Hill	1	5	0
Ellimoor Hall	0	10	0
Little Town	1	5	0
Sum of Pittington Constablery	6	15	0
Ludworth	2	18	6
Shadforth	2	12	6
Shearburn, with the Mill	2	15	0
Sum: total:	15	1	0

APRILL 2[nd], 1689.

Ordered then by the twelve that W[m] Manne of Shadforth shall have five shillings quarterly paid him by the parish, and that Anne Addamson shall have four shillings alsoe quarterly paid her; both to beginne att Mayday.

JULY 22, 1689.—Ordered then by the twelv of the parish of Pittington that henceforward all assesses for the relief of the poor of the same parish shall be gathered according to the pound rent of every particuler estate within the same parish, as followeth:

	£	s.	d.
Shearburn	266	0	0
Shearburn Mill	14	0	0
Shadforth	264	0	0
Ludworth	300	0	0
Little Town	95	0	0
Hetton le Hill	140	0	0
Eleamore Hall	60	0	0
Halgarth	279	0	0
Pittington	100	0	0
Byshottles	53	0	0
In all	1571	0	0

Ed. Shipperdson, Tho. Burletson, Will. Shaw, Robert Bellamy, Will. Swalwell, John Rawlin Senior, Henry Cooke, James Swalwell, Thomas Kirton, Simon Bayley, Richard Lackenby, Thomas Davison.

MAY 15th, 1693.

Then agreed with Barbary Kendall for the keeping of Christoper Kendall's two children, and she is to have 2 s. per weeke.

Memorand. Ed. Shipperdson and Michell Ingram, trustees for the poore for the last year, hathe paid to Mr Willm Shaw and Tho. Swallwell, trustees for the poore for this present year 1693, forty twoe pound in money and delivered them a bond of thirty twoe pound.

The Names of the poor of the parish of Pittington, with their respective allowances, May 16, 1695.

PITT HOUSES.—Isabell Slater, 8 s. 0 d. yearly. Jane Motherly, 1 s. 2 d. per week. Patrick Lebody, 6 d. per week.

PITTINGTON.—Kendall's Boy, 1 s. 0 d. p. week. Alice Waster, 6 d. p. week. Her House rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly. Margrett Newby her House rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly.

SHADFORTH.—Her House Rent,[1] 8 s. 0 d. yearly. Eleanor Man, 16 s. 0 d. yearly. Anne Hudson,[1] 4 s. 0 d. yearly.

SHERBURNE.—Anne Marley, 9 d. p. week. Anne Shaw, 1 s. 0 d. p. week. Wm Walton, 1 s. 0 d. p. week. Wm Clarke's House-rent, 12 s. 0 d. yearly. Anne Gainforth her House rent,

(1) An entry erased above this.

10 s. 0 d. yearly. Frances Jackson her House rent, 12 s. 0 d. Jane Hall her House rent, 8 s. 0 d. John Crookes his House rent from May day last for a yeare, 10 s. 0 d. Ralph Carr, Ed. Shipperdson, Tho. Burletson, Robert Bellamy, Will. Shaw.

Jane Smith has 1 s. 6 d. per month, and 3 s. 0 d. quarterly of Bellassyes Dole.

The Names of the Poor of the Parish of Pittington May 15, 1696.

SHERBURNE.—Anne Marley, 9 d. per weake. Anne Shaw, 1 s. 0 d. per weake. Wm Walton, 1 s. 0 d. per weake. Wm Clarke's House rent, 12 s. 0 d. yearly. Anne Gainforth's House rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly. [Frances Jackson's House-rent, 12 s. 0 d. yearly.] [1] Jane Hall's House rent, 8 s. 0 d. yearly.

SHADFORTH.—Robert Salkeld's House rent, 8 s. 0 d. yearly. Eleanor Man, 5 s. 0 d. quarterly. [Jane Smith, 1 s. 6 d. per month. More to her quarterly, 1 s. 0 d.] Anne Hudson, 4 s. 0 d. quarterly.

PITTINGTON.—Barbary Kendall's House rent, 2 s. 6 d. yearly. Kendall's boy, 1 s. 0 d. per week. Alice Waister, 6 d. per week. Her House rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly. Margrett Newby's House rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly.

PITT HOUSES.—Jo. Crookes House rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly. Isabell Slater, 8 s. 0 d. yearly. Jane Motherley, 1 s. 2 d. p. weeke. Patrick Lebody, 6 d. p. weake. Ralph Carr, Ed. Shipperdson, Tho. Burletson, Will. Shaw, Geo. Johnson.

The Names of the poor of the parish of Pittington, May 14th, 1697.—Wm Walton, 1 s. 0 d. per weeke. Wm Clarke's House rent, 12 s. 0 d. Jane Hall's House rent, 8 s. 0 d. Anne Gainforth House rent, 10 s. 0 d. Marley's Children, 1 s. 6 d. per weake. Frances Jackson's House rent, 12 s. 0 d. yearly.

SHADFORTH.—Rob^rt Salkeld's House rent, 8 s. yearly. Anne Hudson, 4 s. quarterly.

PITTINGTON.—Barbary Kendall's House Rent, 2 s. 6 d. yearly. Kendall's boy, 1 s. 0 d. p. week. Alice Waister, 6 d. p. weeke. Her House Rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly. Margrett Newby's House rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly. Jane Oyster, 1 s. 6 d. monthly. Elizabeth Hall, 1 s. 6 d. monthly.

PITT HOUSES.—Jo. Crooke's House Rent, 10 s. 0 d. yearly. Isabell Slater, 8 s. 0 d. yearly. Jane Motherley, 9 d. per weake. Patrick Lebody, 1 s. 0 d. monthly. Alice Crooke, 3 d. per weake.

(1) The entries printed within brackets are erased in the MS.

May 14th, 1697.—Ordered by the twelve of the parish, that the Overseers of the parish of Pittington shall not dispose of any money without the major part of the twelve. John Rawling, Will. Swalwell, Ralph Carr, Ed. Shipperdson, Tho. Burletson, Geo. Johnson, Henry Cook, Tho. Swalwell, Will. Shaw, Tho. Kourton.

Mr Georg Johnson of Shereburn gave two pounds to the Poor of the Parish of Pittington, which was paid by his son David Aprill 8, 1698, to Christoph. Thompson, Ed. Shipperdson, Henry Cook, Will. Shaw.

Wm Swallwell gave to the poore of this parish the sum of three pounds, which is paid by Robert Swallwell this 15 day, —— 1700. Ralph Carr, Robert Bellamy.

The names of the poor of the parish of Pittington May 18th, 1698.

Sherburne.—Wm Walton, per weake, 1 s. 6 d. Wm Clarkes house rent, yearly, 12 s. Jane Halles house rent, yearly, 8 s. Anne Gainforth house rent, 10 s. Marley's children per weake, 1 s. Jane White, 6 d. Frances Jackson, house rent, 12 s. Allowed her weakly, 3 d.

Shadforth.—Anne Hudson quarterley, 4 s. Wm Doddes weekly, 2 s.

Pittington.—Barbary Kendall's house rent, 6 s. 6 d. yearly. Kendall's boy 1 d. per weake. Alice Waister 6 d. per weake. Her house rent yearly, 10 s. Margret Newby per weake, 6 d. Jane Oysten, monthly, 1 s. 6 d. Elizabeth Hall, monthly, 1 s. 6 d.

Pitt Houses.—Jo. Crookes house rent, yearly, 10 s. Isabell Slater, yearly, 8 s. Patrick Lebody, monthly, 1 s. 6 d. Jane Motherley, weakly, 9 d. Cuthbert Motherly's house rent, 10 s. Wm Vardy, weakly, 4 d.

The names of the poor of the parish of Pittington, May the 15, 1699.

Sherbourn.—Will. Wallton per weak, 1 s. 6 d. Wm Clarck's house rent yearly, 12 s. Jane Hall's house rent yearly, 8 s. Ann Gainforth's house rent, 10 s. Marley's children per weak, 1 s. Jane White per weak, 6 d. Frances Jackson's house rent, 12 s. Allowed her weakly, 3 d. Ann Gainforth per month, 1 s. Dorothy Robson per weak, 1 s. 6 d.

Shadforth.—Ann Hudson per quarter, 4 s. Wm Dods weakly, 2 s. Robt Sawkeld's house rent, 8 s. Wm Marckham

per month, 1 s. Lawrence Wilthrop per month, 1 s. Alice Willson per month, 6 d.

PITTINGTON.—Eliz. Hall, per month, 1 s. 6 d. Jane Oyston 1 s. 6d. Kendal's boy per weak, 6 d. Alice Waster per weak, 6 d. Her house rent, 10 s.

PITT HOUSES.—Jo. Crook's house rent, 10 s. Allowed him per month, 1 s. 6 d. Issabell Slater, yearly, 8 s. Partrick Lebody, monthly, 1 s. 6 d. Jane Motherly, weakly, 6 d. Cuthbert Motherley's H. rent, 10 s. Wm Wardy, weakly, 4 d.

VESTRY BOOK OF THE PARISH OF ST. OSWALD, DURHAM.

1580–1700.

1580.

THE accounts of Thomas Harrison, James Liddale, Xpofor Ramshaw, James Robinson, churchwardens of St. Oswolds, and for Saint Margretts John Richardson, from Ascention day wich was in the year 1580 for on whole year: and on the same being the ascention day in the year of our Lord God 1581, this full account made and delivered to the churchwardens following (*No names entered.*)

First at our entring in the stock, iiij s. v d. *The receipts of the rent of the church houses.*[1] In primis of Richard Tailer, his whole year's rent, 4 s.: Item of widow Tomlinson her whole year's rent, 4 s.: Item of Richard Turner his whole year's rent, 4 s. *Summa*, xij s.

The receipts of lairstaules.—Item Received for Barty Midforthe's, iij s. iiij d. Item Rec. for John Wattson and his wife, vj s. viij d. Item Rec. for John Wheatley, iij s. iiij d. Item for Georg Greenwell, iij s. iiij d. Item for Thomas

(1) The 'church houses' were three tenements in Hallgarth Street, held by the parish of St. Oswald, subject to a fee-farm rent of 12*s.* a year to the Dean and Chapter, the revenue accruing from which was available for church purposes. The property has been sold in recent times, and the proceeds invested for the benefit of the church, yielding now an income of 30*l.* a year. It was on the west side of Hallgarth Street, immediately on the right on entering the street from Church Lane, which leads to it from the church. One of the tenements still retains an ancient character. Certain houses were similarly held by the chapelry of St. Margaret's, which have also been sold in like manner for the benefit of the chapelry, which is now a separate parish.

Sim's wife, iij s. iiij d. Item for Miles White's mother in law, iij s. iiij d. *Summa*, xxiij s. iiij d.

The receipts for staules.[1]—Item of John Carter for a staule for himselfe, iiij d. Item of George Laddley for a staule for himself, iiij d. Item of Robert Nixson's wife for a staule to herself, iiij d. Item of Robert Tedcastle's wife for her staule, iiij d. Item of widow Wheatley for her husband's staule, iiij d. Item of Thomas Wainman for a staule for himself and another for his wife, viij d. Item for Willyam Farilaw's wife the younger a staule to herself, iiij d. Item of Jenett Hawkins a staule to herselfe, iiij d. Item of Thomas Foster a staule for himself, iiij d. Item of Charles Elisonne for a staule for himself, iiij d. Item of Robert Parker for a staule for his wife, iiij d.

For seates of fourmes.[2]—Item of John Dawson, j d. Item of Christofor Lilforth, j d. Item of Nicholas Grise, j d. Item of Simon Watson, j d. Item of Robert Wardange, j d. Item of Nicholas Archer, j d. Item of Thomas Morland, j d. Item of Richard Sim, j d. Item of Georg Lumley, j d. Item of Wm Bellerbie, j d. Item of John Stobbert for a staule for his self, iiij d. Item of John Shepperson for a staule for his wife, iiij d. *The whole receipts*, 45 s. 3 d.

The expences of the foresaid churchwardens, 1580.—Item paid at the great Communion[3] for bread and wine, vij s. 3 d.

(1) Here 'staule' seems to denote what in the Pittington book is called a *room* in a stall; *i.e.* one place in a pew, not the whole pew. But in this book also a pew is elsewhere called a stall. For a review of the ancient custom with regard to appropriated seats in church, see Introduction.

(2) Distinct from *stalls*, and for the poorer sort, 1*d.* only being paid for them. Stalls, in the sense of pews, even at this early date, were already provided with doors in St. Oswald's church, as appears from a subsequent entry in this same year.

(3) This would be at Easter, when all parishioners were expected to communicate, called afterwards 'the great and general Communion.' It was of ancient custom that all, including inhabitants of subject chapelries, should communicate in the mother church at Easter. In a treasurer's roll of Ripon Minster, as early as 1401-2, we find that three bushels of wheat were bought for the Maundy and 'pro communione omnium parochianorum contra festum Paschæ.' A remnant of the ancient usage at Ripon may be recognised in the retention till the year 1868 of celebrations at 5 A.M. and 7 A.M., as well as after matins. The writer of this note remembers well how his revered old friend, the Rev. Robert Poole (priest vicar, and afterwards minor canon of Ripon, from 1824 to 1872) contended zealously, and with success, for continuing both these early celebrations, which Dean Erskine would fain have dropped. Unhappily that at 5 A.M. was afterwards

Item paid at Christmas for bread and wine, vij s. j d. Item paid for paper to ye regester booke, viij d. Item paid the ixth day of June for our presentment, vj d. Item paid at marridges for bread and wyne,[1] ij d. ob. Item paid for paper, ij d. Item paid to John Skurfielde for mending ye little bell whele, ——. Item paid for nailes to ye same, ij d. Item paid to Thomas Sim ye sacraston his whole year's wages, iiij s. Item paid to Richard Stott his whole year's wages, ij s. Item paid for a writing for to gather money for Collington haven, iij d. Item paid for paper and ink to Richard Stot, ij d. Item paid for a fother of lime and ij fother of sand, and for bering it in, vij s. Item paid to Robert Sclator and his sonne for iiij days working at the church, v s. Item paid to William Prierman for working at the church, xvj d. Item paid for bread and drink for woorking at the church ——. Item paid to iiij women for fouer dayes bering in sand and water at ye slocking of the lime, xvj d. Item paid to Robt. Sclator's boy, ij d. Item paid for iiij yeards of linn to ye clarke's surpcloth,[2] and for making the same, 4 s. 2 d. Item paid for a tarbarrell at cronation day, vj d. Item paid to James Smith for mending the glas windoes, 4 s. Item paid at St Nicholas at a presentment day, vj d. Item paid for mending the church house door, ij d. Item paid for making the church lane, iiij d. Item paid at a presentment day, vj d. Item paid to Richard Stot for mending the little belstring, ij d. Item paid for bread and wine betwixt Fastens even[3] & Easter day at noone, xj s. iiij d. Item for 3 bands to ye staules doers, ix d.[4] Item paid for writing, viij d. Item paid to Thomas Sim for mending the vicar's surpcloth, iiij d. Item paid for wine sithens Easter,

discontinued by Dean McNeile, though it used to be attended by thirty or forty persons, mostly poor people. It was regularly resorted to in Mr. Poole's time by two persons (one John Mudd and his wife) from the chapelry of Bishop Monkton, some three miles distant from the Minster, whose pious practice was probably a remnant of a general one in former days.

(1) In the Prayerbook of 1559 the reception of Holy Communion by the newly-married persons on the day of their marriage was obligatory; not merely, as in the present rubric, directed as 'convenient.'

(2) The use of surplices by parish clerks appears in all these books. See Pittington Book, A.D. 1620, p. 79 and *note*.

(3) Shrove Tuesday. It thus appears that there had been celebrations throughout Lent, as well as the 'great' one on Easter Day. There is another also on April 30, and also at Christmas. No others are mentioned this year. See Introduction as to the frequency of Communions.

(4) See previous note as to stalls with doors.

iij d. Item paid for bread and wine the xxx day of Aprill, vij d. Item paid to Thomas Sim for dighting the leads, iiij d. Item paid for fee farme of ye church houses, xij d. *Summa totalis*, iij l. iij s. ix d. ob.

And so the expences of our account that church is indetted, xviij s. iiij d. ob. Whereof wee have received of the churchwardens of Saint Margrett's, ix s. ij d. qr. And for ourself wee have paid forth of our sesment, ix s. ij d. qr. *Summa*, xviij s. 4 d. ob.

And for making our owen part of ye kirk wall, vj d. } x d.
Item paid for a writing of our sesment, iiij d. }

And so our part is x s. qr.[1]

(1) It will be observed that between this year (1580) and the year 1595 no accounts are entered. The reason is this. All till the year 1602 had been copied into this book from an older one that was 'frett and chafed,' as appears from an entry in the accounts of that year. The purpose of such copy being made was apparently to preserve a record of the circumstances of a recent suit in the Consistory Court against the churchwardens of St. Margaret, who had refused to pay, as had been accustomed, a moiety of the expenses of the parish church in addition to their own. It was alleged in support of the claim upon them that from 1580 to 1595 such moiety had been always paid without dispute (as appears from a memorandum to that effect elsewhere in this book); and hence it was thought sufficient to copy from the old book the accounts of the year 1580 in proof of the undisputed payment at that date, and then to pass to those of 1595, when objections began to be made, the nature of such objections being also noted in the margin.

This was not the first dispute of the same nature between the parish church and the chapelry; there appears to have been one of old standing between them. An earlier instance is given in 'Depositions and Ecclesiastical Proceedings from 1311 to the Reign of Elizabeth,' *Surtees Society's Publications*, vol. xxi. p. 276. The depositions are there given of witnesses called in behalf of the churchwardens of St. Margaret's in a suit between them and the churchwardens of St. Oswald's in the Consistory Court. They depose, among other things, that they understood the inhabitants of the chapelry to have had granted to them, by licence from the convent of Durham, the right of having all sacraments and rites of the Church in their own chapel, and burying their dead in their own yard; but that they were still in the parish of St. Oswald's, and had been accustomed to come to St. Oswald's church, as their 'head kirke,' every year on St. Oswald's day, and that, 'in time of latten service,' one of the churchwardens of St. Margaret's 'haith used upon Palm Sunday to bear one of the 4 pools over the Sacrament.' Further, that they had ever had the right of burial in the churchyard of St. Oswald's in case of need, and had buried their dead there, upon the south side of the same, during a plague, 'within this 40 years,' 'for that they of St. Margaret's wolde not smatter ther own church yard with thoise that then died in the plage.' The part of the churchyard in which inhabitants of the chapelry had been buried is defined by one deponent as 'betwixt the

The accounts of James Matthew, Georg Gray, Robert Rutter, Micheall Wheatley, Churchwardens of Saint Oswold's from ye Ascention day anno 1595 unto ye same day in ye next year folowinge. *For howsrent.*—Received of widow Tomlinson her whole year's rent, 4 s. Rec. of widow Turner her whole year's rent, 4 s. Rec. of widow Taylor her whole year's rent, 4 s. *Summa*, xij s. *For lairstaules.* Rec. of Richard Alison, 3 s. 4 d. Rec. of Steven Snaith, 3 s. 4 d. *Summa*, vj s. viij d. *For staules.*—Item rec. of Robert Dun for ij staules for Mr Lawson, ye wich staules were Mr Robert Claxton's,[1] ij s. Item rec. of Christoper Liddale for a staule for himself, iiij d. *For sclates.*—Item rec. for 2 hundreth sclates that was uppon Elizabeth Tomlinson's house, vj s. vj d.

two waies on the southwest syde of the church, the one going to the myln, and the other to the ancarhouse.' (The *Ancarhouse*, or *Ankeridge*, formerly church property, was on the south of the churchyard, and entered therefrom, probably where there is still a walled-up doorway. The *waie to the myln* would be the path still leading to Prebends' Bridge, on the banks of the river.) They also acknowledged their liability to do 'ther dewtie accustomed to the said St. Oswald's, as unto the head kirke,' consisting in reparation of the south aisle of the church and of the south-west corner of the churchyard from the corner of the Ankeridge to the well-banks close to St. Oswald's well (this well being under the western bank above the river, about opposite the end of the south aisle of the church); in 'payinge yerely to the parish clerke of St. Oswald's, upon St. Margaret's day, ayther 6*d.* or 4*d.* and his dyner'; and in formerly offering 'hallibred caike' to the parish church (the several families in the chapelry taking the duty in rotation), partly in money and partly in kind, at the cost of 3*d.* or 2½*d.* for every Sunday; and, since the cessation of 'the latten service,' contributing to the cost of bread and wine for Communion. One of the deponents, Thomas Wayman, stated further the origin of the difference between the parish church and the chapelry, saying that 'his father, William Wayman, being a churchwarden of St. Margaret's about 50 years agoo, was keper of one of the kees of a chiste standing in St. Oswald church, wherein was the jewells apperteyninge the said churche,' and that, on the occasion of a marriage, 'they of St. Oswald's syd, having ther key reddy and wantynge the key of St. Margaret, byrst open the lock; whereupon grew a groudge, and haith contynewed ever sence bytwixt the said parishes, and gave occasion to the said inhabitants of St. Margaret's to withdrawe ther accustomed dewties, except hollybread silver, which haith bein accustomable paid.' The depositions thus summarised were made A.D. 1575–6. If they were correct, it would seem that the people of St. Margaret's were justified by ancient custom, as well as reason, in refusing to pay a full moiety of all the expenses of the parish church. However, Dr. Colemore, the Chancellor, decided against them, as will be seen below.

(1) From the price paid for these stalls it appears that they were entire pews. We observe that transference of pews could not take place without the leave of the churchwardens, and payment made to them.

Item rec. of ye Churchwardens of Croxdale, 2 s. 6 d. *Summa*, xxx s.

Hear foloweth the exceptions of them of ye chapel of St Margrett's, though they prevailed little or nothing, God be thanked. *Verte.*

Expences.	*Expences* of the above named churchwardens for ye yeare 1595.
	Paid to Cuthbert Liddale for souldering and mending the leads, xl s.
We pay ye clark vj d for our part, hereby we except this.	Item to Richard Stott his whole year's wages, ij s. viij d.
We are so chardgd for our chapelry.	Item paid to Richard Sim for his whole years wages, 4 s. Item paid to ye ordinarie when wee were sworne, xx d.
	Item paid for vj emps to ye bell ropes, xij d.
	Item paid for binding of ij regester bookes, xvj d.
We except this also.	Paid to the wrightes for woodwoorke, vj s. vj d.
	Paid for vj boults of iron to Christofer Liddale, and for nailes iij s. iiij d. Paid for sodering in the boults of iron to a mason, x d.
We do repair a part of the church wall by costome and freed of ye rest.	Paid for a band to ye church yeat, vj d.
	Paid for a key to ye church dore, vj d.
We deny that.	Paid for mending the kirke lane wall, iiij d.
Wee do in lik sort for our chappellry.	Paid to ye ringers on the cronation day, iij s. j d.
Wee deny it.	Paid to John Lamb for walling of widow Tomlinson's house, iij s. viij d.
Of this before.	Item paid to William Milbourne for serving the sclater, ij s.
The church wee allow, otherwise not.	Item paid to Christofer Frend for wood woork, vj s. iiij d.
	Item paid to James Mathew for fee farme, xij d.
And this in like sort.	Item paid to Martin Denning for fower burden of wattles, viij d.
We think this a great chardge, having done ye like in our owne chappell.	Item paid to William Hilton for washing the church and painting it with sentences of scriptur, xl s.

If not for ye Church, we deny them.	Item paid to tow sclaters for ij dayes woork ether of theme, ij s. viij d.
Wee deny.	Item for a laborer 2 dayes woorke, viij d.
We deny ☞ ye cause of ye sute.	Item paid to Georg Racket of the chappellrie of St Margrett's for lone of a ladder and carring it home againe; which ladder was for painting of their parrish church of St Oswold's; which was ye occasion of the sute betwixt St Margret and St Oswold,[1] xvj d.
These we except for the reasons above said.	Item paid for lime to the church, xvj d. Item paid for ink and paper, ij d. Item paid to Mr Calfield for writing ye articles and making the presentment, xviij d. Item laid forth for nailes for widow Tomlinson's howse, iiij d.
We except.	Item paid to Mr Calfield for three quier of paper for a Regester booke, xij d.
	Item to Harry Fawden for stones to ye church houses, 8 d. For bread and wine this year, xvij s. ij d.
2li 17s 7d ob. paid by St Margrett's Churchwardens.	The disbursements . 7 l. 5 s. 3 d. Receipts . . 0 30 s. Remanet . . 5 l. 15 s. iij d. The moity herof they of St Margrett's have paid, viz. 57 s. 7 d. ob.

The accounts of Georg Man, Richard Tatus, John Carter, and Thomas Tailor, churchwardens of the parish of St Oswold's, 1596. *For house rent*, xij s. *Receipts for lairstors.*—Received of Willyam Archbauld for a lairstore, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of James Liddale for a lairstore, iij s. iiij d. Rec. for widdo Kirklaue's lairstore, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of Croxdale for this year, ij s. vj d. Item rec. of George Man for a stawle to him self and another for his wife, viij d. Rec. for a staule for Mathew Shart, iiij d. Rec. for a staule of Harri Graye's for his sonn Rafe Graye, iiij d.

The whole Sum of receipts this year is xxv s. x d.

(1) Apparently thus. The churchwardens of St. Margaret's supplied the ladder, and charged for it; those of St. Oswald's objected to the charge on the ground that the former were jointly responsible with themselves for the expenses of the parish church; whereupon the inhabitants of the chapelry were moved to raise the whole question of their alleged responsibility.

The expences of yͤ yeare 1596.

We except as before.	Imprimis paid at the L. L.[1] visitation the ninth day of Julij, in all, vij s.
	Item paid for bread and wine at Whittson day Micheallmas and Christmas, vj s. viij d.
We pay for the chappelrie.	*St. Margrett's ar not to paie any part of this because they paid a part before.* Paid to Mr Docter Colmor for souldier money,[2] xix d. ob.
We except as before.	Paid to Richard Sim for his first quarter's wages, xij d.
	Paid for three bell strings, ix s. vj d.
Wee except as before.	Paid for paper, iij d. Paid to Richard Stot for his first quarter's, viij d.
	Item paid for new binding and clasping of the Communion Booke, ij s. vj. d.
We except as before.	Paid to the ringers on the cronacion day for ringing, iij s. ij d.
We except also.	Paid to Richard Sim for his second quarter's wages, xij d.
We except also.	Paid to Richard Stot for his second quarter's wages, viij d.
As above.	Paid the first day of Januari to the examiner, xij d.
We except.	Item paid for the curat, churchwardens, and sidemen, the same day, thier chardges, ij s. iiij d.
We except these for the resons before alledged.	Item paid to Richard Sim his third quarter's wages, xij d. Item paid to Docter Colmore for souldier money, xix ob. (*disallowed.*) Item paid on Tewsday after Low Sonday at my L. visitation for our chardges, iij s. Item paid the next day at St. Oswold's Church to Mr Tunstall,[3] xij d. Item paid to Mr Calfield for making presentments, xij d. Item paid to widow Tomlinson for making the kirk lane wall, iiij d. Paid for mending the church gates, iiij d. Item paid for fee farme for the church houses, xij d.

(1) ? L. B. for Lord Bishop.
(2) See Pittington Book, p. 10, note (1).
(3) Official of the D. and C. See Pittington Book, p. 30, note (2).

Item paid for putting too the three bell strings, iij d.

As before. Item paid to Richard Simm his forth quarter's wages, xij d.

Item paid for wine to Wm Baker at Easter, xvj s. viij d.

Item for bread, vj d.

As above. Item to Richard Stott for his half year's wages, xvj d.

As above. Item for writing iiij accounts for the churwardens, xiiij d.

Summa of disbursments is three pounds seaven shillings and seaven pence.

Receipts 25 s. 10 d. Rouge money not alowed, 3 s. 3 d. Remanett, 38 s. 6 d. The moyetie paid by St. Margrett's churchwardens, viz., 19 s. 3 d.

The accounts of Richard Tatus, John Carter, Georg Man, and Thomas Tayler, churchwardens of the parrish of St. Oswold's, 1597. *Receipts for this yeare* 1597. Item for house rent, vj s. Rec. of Robert Thorp for a lairstaul, iij. s. iiij. d. For a lairstaull for Gawin Parker, iij s. iiij d. For a lairstall for Georg Harle, iij s. iiij d. Item for house rent, vj s. Item rec. of on Liddale for a laire staull, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of John Carter for a lairstaule for a child, xx d. Rec. of Mistris Racckett for a lairstaull for a child, xx d. *For staules.* Item rec. of Richard Mainsforth for his wife's stawle, iiij d. Item for Walter Palmer's wife's stawell, iiij d. Item for a stawell to Hugh Parker, iiij d. Item for a stawell for Cutbert Langstafe, and an other for his wife, viij d. Item for a stawell for Antony Eare, iiij d. Item for a stawell for John Hucheson's wife, 4 d. Item for a stawell for John Pearoth's wife, iiij d. Item for chandge of a staule for Thomas Tayler's wyfe, ij d. *Summa*, xxxj s. vj d.

Expenses for this year 1597. *Expences for this yeare.*

Item paid for wine at Whittsontide, ij s. Item for bread, j d.

Except. Item paid for a spade for the church, viij. d.

We except these for the former reasons. — Item paid for souldier money, xiiij d. (*disallowed.*) Item paid at our owen church the twentie and fift day of Julij, xvj d. Paid for making a presentment, vj d.

Item paid for fee farm, xij d.

Except as aforesaid. — Item paid to Richard Sim for three quarters wages, iij s.

Item paid to Thomas Kindlysyde for mending of tow baudrigs to the bells, xv d.

Except. — Item paid to the ringers on the cronation day, iij s. j d.

Item paid for bread at Micheallmas and at Christmas, ij d.

We except the same also. — Item paid to Christofor Liddale for mending ye bands to ye church yeat, iiij d.

Wee except all these for the reasons before mencioned. — Paid the fifte of Februarie at our owen church, xviij d. Item for making a presentment, vj d. Item paid for our chardges thatt day, xx d. Item paid to Mr Jaxson for writing the names of the whole parrish, xij d. Item paid at our owen church the vj^th^ of Aprill, xij d. Item for making a presentment, vj d. For our chardges that day, xx d. For a showell to ye church, iij d. For paper and ink, iiij d. For souldier money, iij s. iiij d. (*disalowed.*)

We except these. — Item for mending the church lane wall to widow Tomlinson, iiij d.

Item for bread and wine at Micheallmas, Christmas, and Easter, xx s. Item more for bread, vj d.

We except as above said. — Item the clarke for his whole year's wages, ij s. viij d. Item the sacarston for his fourth quarter's wages, xij d.

The disbursements			53 s.
Deduct	Receipts	31 s. 6 d.	37 s.
	Rouge money	5 s. 6 d.	
Reminente			16 s.

The half paid by St Margrett's churchwardens, viz. 8 s.

The accounts of Richard Tatus, Georg Man, and Thomas

Tailer, churchwardens of St. Oswold's 1598. *Receipts for this yeare.* Item for a whole year's rent for the church houses, x s. Item rec. of Croxdale churchwardens for tow years, v s. *For lairstaules.*—Item rec. of Andrew Hawkins for his wife's lairstaule, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of Mr Spenc for his wife's, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of Mathew Noble for his wife's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item of John Carter for his wife's lairstawll, iij s. iiij d. For widow Wright's, iij s. iiij d. Item for John Carter's lairstawell, iij s. iiij d. *Summa*, 38 s.

1598. *For Staules.*—Rec. of Thomas Williamson for a stawell for himself and another for his wife, viij d. Item of Jenett Dun for a staule, iiij d. Item of Thomas Jonson for chang of a stawell, ij d. Item of John Wattson for a staule for himself, iiij d. Item of Antony Eare for a staul for his wife, iiij d. Item of Robert Wright for a staule for his wife, iiij d. Item of John Hedden for chang of a staule for his wife, ij d. Item of Robert Cooper for a staule for his wyfe, iiij d. Item of Grace Pithie for a stawell, iiij d. Item of John Dobbinson for a staul for his wife, iiij d. Item of Willyam Iley for a staul for himself, 4 d. Item of William Strother for a staule for his wife, 4 d. Item of Georg Barrow for chang of a staul for his wife, 2 d. Item of Mathew Noble for a staul for his wife, 4 d. Item of Richard Tatus for a staul for himself, 4 d. Item of Hugh Ramshaw for a change of a staule for himself and another for his wife, 4 d. Item of Thomas Rowell for a staul for his wife, 4 d. Item of John Hopper for chang of a staule for himself, 2 d. Item of James Mathew for his wife's staule, 4 d. Item of Hugh Barrow for a staule for his wife, 4 d. Item of Agnes Crome for a staule for herself, 4 d. Item of Christofer Softley for a staule for himself, 4 d. Item of Thomas Tayler for chang of a staule for himself, 2 d. Item of Thomas Tayler for a stawell for his wyfe, 4 d. Item of Roger Hucheson for a staule for himself and another for his wife, 8 d. Item of John Dobbinson for a stawl for himself, 4 d. Item of James Gray for a stawell for himself, 4 d. Item of John Hucheson for chang of a staul, 2 d. *Summa*, xliiij s. *is the hole receipt.*

The expences of this year 1598 *disalowed.*

We except as before rased. — For souldier money and for marriner's money, 4 s. 8 d. Item to the sacraston his year's wages, 4 s. Item at Mr Huttun's court, xiiij d. For fee farm of ye church houses, xij d.

Item paid to John Rangall for viij quarts of wyne, v s. iiij d.

We except all these. { Item paid to Mrs Dean's man for making a precept, vj d. Item paid at Mr Huttun's[1] court ye 26 of Aprill, xvj d. Item paid for mending the church yard yeats, ij s.

Item paid to Christofer Softley for mending the bellgeare, x s. Item for vij empes to the bells, xiiij d. Item for hemp and lether and mending the great bell rope, iiij d. Item for manchet bread at Easter, viij d.

We have ye lik in our chappell. { Item for washing the surpcloth and mending it, iiij d.

Item for a bawdrick to a bell, ij s. vj d. Item to John Sim for dressing the leads, iiij d. Item for grease to the bells, ij d. Item for on emp to the bells, ij d.

And these also. { Item to Mr Jaxson for 2 presentments, xij d. Item for mending the wall belonging to the church howses, iiij d.

We except. { For pauper, ij d.

And this also. { Item for nailes to Georg Barrow for the church yard gate and a hoope and a pike, x d.

Wee do also except these for the reasons aforesaid. { Item at my Lord Byshop his visitation ye five and twentie day of June to John Roddam, viij d. Item to John Richardson for our examination, xxij d. Item for the church-wardens and sydemen their chardges the same day, iiij s. viij d. Item to John Sim for his quarter's wages, xij d. Item to Hugh Rampshaw for writing the communicants, ij s.

Item to Willyam Baker for wine, vij s. viij d.

And these also. { Item to John Sim for his wages, iij s. Item to John Sim for a spade and iron for ye church, viij d.

Item for 2 wedges of iron for our bells, 2 d. Item to John Rangall for bread and wine at Christmas, 8 s.

(1) Official of the D. and C. See Pittington Book, p. 39, note (2).

And this also. — Item paid for ringing at y[e] cronation day, iij s. iiij d.

Item paid to John Rangall for wine at Easter, xviij s.

This also. — Item paid for our diners at Rangal's at y[e] end of y[e] visitation, ij s.

Item paid for lead, lime, and mending the church, ij s.

This also. — Item paid to y[e] sumner at y[e] disolving of y[e] visitation, ij d.

The *disbursments* . .		4 l. 14 s. 1 d.
Receipts.	44 s.	48 s. 8 d.
Roug money	4 s. 8 d.	
Reminente . . .		45 s. 4 d.

The on half paid by y[e] churchwardens of S[t] Margrett's, viz. 22 s. 8 d.

1599. The accounts of Robert Greene, Hugh Ramshaw, Robert Scathlak, and Antony Ayer, churchwardens of the parrish of Saint Oswold's, 1599.

Receipts of the said Churchwardens.—Imprimis rec. of Robert Sudwick for a lair staull, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdall for arrerigies, ij s. vj. d. Rec. at the hands of Christofer Liddall for arrerigies, viij s. vj d. Rec more of Christofer Liddale, xj d. Rec. for John Skurfield his lair staule, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of Richard Archer in part of paiment for the church howses, iiij s. Rec. for widow Dawson her lairstaul, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdall for this year, ij s. vj d. Rec. for Jerard Liddalle his lairstaull, 3 s. 4 d. Rec. for staules in y[e] church at y[e] rates of iiij d. the staull, and for change of staules at the rate of 2 d. the staule, the some of five shillings. *Summa*, xxxvj s. ix d.

1599. *The expences.*

Except as above. — Imprimis for a presentment at S[t] Oswold's, xvj d. Disburst to John Sim for his whole years wages, 4 s.

Item for dressing the leads to John Sim, iiij d. For three quarts of wine for the Communion at Whittsontide, ij s. vj d. Item for bread, ij d.

Excepted. { Item for a presentment the third of October, xvj d. Item for 2 churchwardens with the minister their chardges the same tyme, xviij d. Item to Phillip Fawden for mending the church yard yeat, xij d.

Item to Willyam Smith for 2 new bellrops, vj s. viij d.

Item for the rent of the kirk howses, xij d.

Excepted. { Item to Mr Calverley his man for coppiing of the articles, vj d.

Item for a new bawdridg for a bell, ij s. vj d.

Excepted also. { Item for the ringers on the coronation day, iij s. ij d. Item for Mr Sceup [?] his man for writing of a presentment, vj d. Item for paper and writing this whole yeare, vij d.

Item at Christmas for iij quarts and a pint of wyne, iij s. Item for bread, ij d.

Excepted. { Disburst to Nicholl Hobson for writing the communicants and his wages, ij s. viij d.

Item for wine at Easter, ix s. vj d. Item for bread, vj d.

We except these. { Item to Mr Huttun for a presentment, xvj d. Item for the minister and churchwardens their diners, xviij d.

Item for a key to the kest where the kirk bookes doe lie, iiij d.

The *Disbursments* .	46 s. 1 d.	
Receipts . . .	36 s. 9 d.	
Remanet		9 s. 4 d.

The half paid by St Margrett's churchwardens, viz., 4 s. 8 d.

1600.

The accounts of the churchwardens of Saint Oswold's, Hugh Ramshaw, Robert Cooper, Christofer Hucheson, and John Hopper, anno 1600. *Hous rent.*—Rec. for house rent of Richard Archer, 4 s. Rec. of Matthew Noble his Martinmas rent, 6 s. *Lairstaules.*—Rec. for Antony Liddale his wifes lairestaull, iij s. iiij d. Rec. for An Dale servant to Mr Chator, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of Croxdale churchwardens, ij s. vj d. Rec. for the remainder of an old bell rope, 20 d. *Summa*, xx s. x d.

The expences of this year 1600.—At a court day the second of October, and for our presentment writing, xxij d.

For our chardges the same tyme, xviij d.

For mending the great bell balridg, vj d.

For a coppie of Articles, with orders from the Justicies, delivered to the churchwardens and sydemen with straight commandment to be inquired uppon and presentment to be made therunto, and for our presentment, xij d. For regestering the presentment into on grosse booke, iiij d. For our chardges tow days befor the Justicies about these articles and orders in the monthes of November and December last, fower of us, xviij d.

For tow churchwardens diners on a court day about wrooting the kirk garth, viij d.

Not allowed because it was in the churchwardens default.

For 2 new balridgs to the bells, v s. For on to help up and dowen with the bell tongues and mending the buckles against the cronation day, vj d. For the ringers on the cronation day and for candle, iij s. ij d. For mending the part of Saint Oswold's church yard belonging to them of the Chappelrie of Saint Margrett's before our composition, vj d. For a parchment Regester booke, xiij s. iiij d.

Not allowed.

For our owen part of our composition Indentur of perchment, iij s.

For our owen part of the kirk wall making, vj d.

Not allowed.

We wer so charged also.

At a cowrt holden in the Gallilie on Tewsday after Low Sonday, xvj d. For our presentment and chardges, iiij churchwardens and the minister, ij s. x d.

We have paid for y[e] like. { Before y[e] Justicies at last Quarter Sessions for a coppie of articles, and for our presentment, and a warrant with foure Justices' hands, xvj d.

For mending the North church gate, and also an iron sneck, xij d.

{For mending the South church yeat and walling it with stones, vj d.

For washing the kirk clothes this year, xij d. For the Sacraston his whole year's wages, iiij s.

Of wich wee paie yearly vj[d]. {For the clarke his whole year's wages, ij s. viij d.

For bread and wine this year to the communion, xiiij s. ij d.

For a new count booke for the church: even for this book, ij s.

Excepted. {For ink and paper and writing this yeare, vj d.

For fee farme to the Baily this year, xij d. For dithing the leads this year, 4 d. For a handmell, and crosspin of iron, to mend or make baldrigs for our bells, vj d. iij l. vj s. vj d.

The exceptions of the churchwardens of St. Margretts with the help of M[r] Skepper before M[r] Docter Colmore: and so likewise for every year before. { The some of the particulers which wee except as not chargeable therewith as by y[e] marginall notes appeareth—yett we submitt ourselves to your wo: censure therof [1]—is xx s. vj d. Which being deducted, rem. xxv s. ij d. The moity wherof by us to pay, xij s. vij d.

Remanente of the disbursments allowed, 41 s. 6 d. The moyetie wherof S[t] Margrett's churchwardens did pay, viz., 20 s. 9 d.

(1) Thus it appears that the accounts as above given, with the marginal notes appended, had been prepared by the churchwardens of St. Margaret's for submission to the Consistory Court. The award of Dr. Colemore, the Official Principal, dated February 23, 1600, was as follows:—'That the churchwardens of St. Margret's yearely for ever, within 14 days after the generall account made by St. Oswold's, contribute and pay to St. Oswold's churchwardens the one halfe parte of all such charges as shall be defraied and bestowed upon any necessarye or requisite repairations of the said church of St. Oswold's, or other thinges which the inhabitants of the said parish are by law or custome to provide or doe for the due administration of the sacraments and other laudable rites and services in the said church

1601.

The account of Robert Cooper, Willyam Tomson, John Fisher, and Edward Punchin for the year 1601: beginning on the Ascencion day, and ended 1602, on the Ascencion day. *Receipts.*—In primis: The rent of the kirke houses rec. of Mathew Noble, xij s. *Lairstaules:* Jane Sim for her lairstaule, iij s. iiij d. Andrew Hawkins for his lairstaull, iij s. iiij d. For a lairstaull for George Rauling's sonne of Shinkley, iij s. iiij d. For a child of Mr Sampsons Levers of Alderneda for his lairstaule, xx d. Rec. of Mris. Biggins for bread and wine for Croxdale, ij s. vj d.

For stauls and chaung of stauls. — Rec. of Willyam Tomson for chaunge of a staule, ij d. Of Richard Archer for chaung of a staule, ij d. Of John Fisher for Andrew Hawkins his staulle, iiij d. *The receipts this yeare* 1601 is xx s., vj s. and x d.

1601.—*The expenses of this yeare* 1601 for the church as foloweth. Im primis for fee farme for the kirk howses to

(the rents, revenewes, and other money and receiptes due to the said church being first yearely expended and disbursed in the premisses), the churchwardens of St Oswold's to give St Margrets tenne dayes notice before a generall account be made, that they may take lawfull exception thereto or any particulars thereof.' It was further ordered that the churchwardens should pay before the ensuing 24th of May the arrears of such moieties as were due for recent years, the charges against them to be taxed by the Chancellor or his deputy in case of any disagreement; also that if any controversy should hereafter arise in and concerning any the premisses other than the said arrearages, all churchwardens for the time being, and all inhabitants of the parish and chapelry, should stand to such order as the Dean of Durham, or in his absence the Vice Dean, should set down; and that if any either churchwardens or inhabitants, should fail to perform and observe such order, suits should be commenced for the same in the names of and between the churchwardens of the church and chapelry respectively as parties, all inhabitants of the church or chapelry against whose churchwardens sentence might be given being liable, by cessment or otherwise, to repay their churchwardens the sums they had been condemned to pay, with the costs of the suit.

This award is entered at the end of the volume; and there is the following note, made at a subsequent date:—'I observe that for and ever since the yeare A.D. 1580 to Dr. Colemore's award anno 1600, and since that untill the yeare 1639, St. Oswold's received halfe her disborsements (over and above her receipts) of St Margret's, who allwayes made their exceptions, but never against either bread and wine or bell or materials for bells; the greatest exception was for the church wall and gates next Elvet, urgeing they kept up a particuler part of their owne, therefor not to contribute to thers. George Racket's 16 d. for his ladder occationed the suite.'

Mr Baylie, xij d. The sacraston his whole year's wages, iiij s. The clarke's wages, and for wryting communicants, ij s. viij d. For making a communion table cloth, and new collering the minister's surpcloth, xv d. For mending a glas window of the church, ij s. iiij d. For tow new bell rops, x s. iiij d. To John Ridgway for making new a bell tounge, and putting to it xij l. of iron new, vj s. ix d. For a dubble stirupp of iron for fastning a bell in the stock, and spikings, and a buckle, ij s. iiij d. For drinke for the smithes, iiij d. For a new balridg of whit lether for a bell, 2 s. 6 d. The 15th of Julij 1601 at my Lord of Durham his visitation holden in Saint Nicholas church, our examination, xxij d. To the paritors, viij d. Our presentment, iiij d. For our chardges, ye minister, 4 churchwardens, and tow syde men, iij s. vj d. For a rope for the font, and putting it too, 4 d. For a new spade and a shoule for the church, 20 d. For new stocking the fore bell to ye wrights, 4 s. 4 d. To the smithes for iron woorke and a new irone band for the bell wheele and spikings: for the stocking of the bell and nailes for mending the wheeles, and graithing the bells against the cronation day, iij s. vj d. For the ringers on the cronation day, iij s. ij d. For picing a bell clapper that brake when Andrew Hawkins was buried, xij d. For emps for the bell ropes, vj d. For ink and paper this year, and for writing peticions to the masters and heads of our parish about repairing of our parish church of Saint Oswold's, 8 d. For a warrant with tow seales to Mr Deane [1] his man, iiij d. For bread and wyne this yeare for the communion, xviij s. vij d. For our chardges at a visitation holden in the Gallelie before Mr Hutton the last of Aprill, xij d. To Ingram the parritor, xvj d. For our presentment, iiij d.

Expences: Summa, iij l. xvij s. v d. *Receipts,* 26 s. 10 d. So remaineth, xlv s. vij d. The half to be paid by them of Saint Margrett's.

Received at the hands of Thomas Whittfield, Roland Sheafield, and Piter Pattinson, churchwardens of Saint Margrett's, by us, Robt Cooper, and John Fisher, churchwardens of Saint Oswold's, the some of xxij s. ix d. ob.

Debts owing to the church of old Christofer Tailer, iiij s.

(1) The Dean was acting in this instance (as appears from other entries in this and the other books) as Justice of the Peace.

This year 1601 for Cutbert Liddale's lairstaull, widow Liddale is owing for it, 3 s. 4 d. (Antonie Liddale of Sunderland for a lairstaule, 3 s. 4 d.) [*erased.*]

1602.

The account of Robt Cooper, John Fisher, Mathew Noble, and Georg Rawling, churchwardens of St Oswold's, 1602.

Receipts.— Rec. of Mathew Noble for rent of the kirk howses, xij s. Rec. of Antony Liddale of Sunderland for a lairstaule that hee was owing, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of Antony Liddall for Croxdale for bread and wine, ij s. vj d. Item of Lawranc Tomson's wife for her husband's lairstaule, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of Micheall Wheatley for his mother's lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of Christofer Liddall for his child's lairstaule, 20 d. Rec. of William Snaith for a stall before the pulpitt, iiij d. Rec. of Nicholas Masson for a staull for himself, iiij d. *Summa,* xxvj s. vj d. Debts owing to ye church of old Christofer Tailer, 4 s. the year 1601 : for Cutbert Liddale's lairstaule widow Liddale is owing for it 3 s. 4 d.

The Expences of the forenamed churchwardens.—Imprimis, the sacraston his wages, iiij s. Item the clarke's wages, ij s. viij d. Item for fee farme of the church houses, xij d. Item paid to Ingram the paritor, xvj d. (*In margin,* October at a court or seene day.) Item for our chardges the same tyme, ij s. x d. Item for our presentment, iiij d. For ringing on the cronation day, iij s. iiij d. For candle, ij d. For 2 emps to the bell strings, 4 d. For 2 presentments to Mr Docter Colmor, his court, and another to Mr Huttun's court, 8 d. Item for new emps for our bell ropes against the King's coming to Durham,[1] ij s. For ringing when the King was hear at Durham, 3 s. 4 d. For mending the churchgarth yeats, 6 d. For dressing the leads this year, iiij d. At a cowrt the 3th of May in the Gallilie before Mr Huttun, xvj d. For our presentment, iiij d. For our chardges the same tyme, ij s. 4 d. For ink and paper this year, iij d. For writing the new count booke for the church of divers former 8 years, wiche old book was frett and chafed as is to see what great need it stood in, ij s. vj d. For bread and wine this year for the communion,

(1) Queen Elizabeth died March 24, 1603. James left Edinburgh for London on April 6, was met at Berwick by the bishop, Tobias Matthew, who preached before him there and at Newcastle, whence he attended him to Durham, where the king rested on April 13.

xxvij s. x d. For writing of our Register in our parchment booke, and also for writing a coppie of it, for to deliver it in to Mr Docter Colmore his cowert, and to be kept in Mr Chator's office, v s. vj d. For washing the kirk clothes, vj d.

Disbursments this yeare comith to iij l. iij s. v d.

Rec. of the churchwardens of the Chappell of St Margrettes for their expences of their parrish church of St Oswold's; Tho. Whittfild and Roland Sheafield, xviij s. v d. ob.

JUNII 2. ANNO DOMINI 1603.

Churchwardens, Mr John Lampton, Mathew Noble, Jerrerd Cotts, Mathew Grey for Shinklife. The account of the above named churchwardens of St Oswould's in the yeare 1603. *Receates.*—Rec. of Mathew Noble for the rent of the church houses for this yeare, xij s. Rec. of Mr Thomas Chater for his wife's lairestall, iij s. 4 d. Rec. for Cuthbart Williamson and Richard Hearond lairestall, presoners,[1] vj s. 8 d. Rec. for a child of Margret Pattyson's for a layerstall, xx d. Rec. of the churchwardon of Croxdall for this yeare, ij s. vj d. Rec. of Izake Pilkington for a stall for himself and for his wife, xij d. Rec. of John Lambton for a stall for himself and for his wife, xij d. Rec. of John Ridley for a stall to his wife, 4 d. *The some,* xxviij s. vj d. Restinge of the ould debt to the church for Christofer Taler, iiij s., and for Cuthbart Liddele lairestall, 3 s. 4 d.

The expencis of the forenamed churchwardons in the yeare 1603. Imprimis, the segarston, his wages, iiij s. Item to the clarke for this yeare, ij s. 8 d. Item for the farm of the church housis, xij d. Item for ropes for twoo beles, 4 s. 4 d. Item paid to the ringers at the Quenes cominge,[2] and about the fift daie of August which was called Gowrye's daie[3] for

(1) '1603. Burialles. Aug. 19. Richard Heyrine and Cuthbart Williamson, bothe executed at Driborne.' *St. Oswald's Parish Register.* Who they were, and why executed, is a question that invites inquiry. Their being buried within the church shows that they were not ordinary criminals.

(2) James I., before leaving Scotland, had applied to the English Council for the Crown jewels for his queen. Not having received them, he left her behind to follow him afterwards.

(3) The anniversary of the 'Gowrie conspiracy.' King James's own account of it was as follows. Being at the royal palace of Falkland on August 5, 1600, as he was about to mount his horse for hunting, between

ringing at those twoo tymes, 3 s. 4 d. Item for writinge about the fifte daie of August by a commandment from oure Kinge all the comunycants and non-comunycants in our parish, and with other chargis at that tyme, as the clark for writinge of all

6 and 7 A.M., he was accosted by Alexander, Master of Ruthven, and brother to the Earl of Gowrie, who informed him that a countryman had been found near Perth on the previous evening with a pot of coined gold hidden under his cloak, and was now lodged in Gowrie Castle, where the king was invited to go and examine him. About noon, when the hunt was over, the king went with Ruthven to Gowrie Castle, when the earl came out to meet him, and entertained him at dinner. The king was annoyed at being kept an hour waiting for his repast, and then by finding it but 'sorry cheer;' and alarmed also by perceiving the earl pensive, often whispering over his shoulder to one person or another, and going in and out of the room. After dinner the Master of Ruthven conducted him up a 'turnpike,' through two or three chambers, the doors of which he locked behind him, into the 'gallery chamber.' Therein was a man, who proved to be the earl's steward, with a dagger in his girdle. Ruthven then told the king that he must die, and proceeded to bind his hands with a garter. The king, however, struggled to the window, and though Ruthven thrust his fingers into his mouth to prevent his crying out, succeeded in shrieking, 'I am murdered.' The cry reached the ears of his attendants, who forced an entry into the castle, and killed both the Master of Ruthven and the earl. Such was the story told by James himself in 'A discourse of the unnatural and vile conspiracy attempted by John Earl of Gowrie and his brother against his Majesty's person at St. Johnstown (Perth) upon Tuesday the 5th of August, 1600,' printed at London by Valentine Sims. Its truth, however, seems to have been doubted at the time. The clergy, being required to read the 'discourse' from the pulpit, refused to do so; and one of them Mr. Robert Bruce, when urged to comply, said that, though he respected his Majesty's account of the affair, he would not answer for believing it; and for this he was deprived and banished. The populace of Perth, too, are said to have uttered 'most irreverent and undutiful speeches against his Majesty,' believing him to be a doer rather than a sufferer (*Galloway's discourse before the King*). James, on his accession to the English throne, was doubtless glad to take advantage of his acknowleged supremacy over the English Church, and to find the English clergy more compliant than the Scotch ministers had been. The day appears to have been regularly kept in subsequent years, not only by the ringing of bells, but also by a special service. A list of books belonging to the church of St. Giles, Durham, in the register book of that parish, includes 'Liber continens gratiarum actionem pro liberatione regis Jacobi a conspiratione Gowriana.' See also the entry in the Pittington Book A.D. 1622: 'Item paid for 2 books for the 5 of August.' The form (as printed by Robert Barker, A.D. 1606) was entitled 'A Fourme of Prayer with Thanksgiving to be used by all the Kings Majesties loving Subjects, being the day of his Highnesse happy deliverance from the Traiterous and bloodie attempt of the Earl of Gowry and his brother,' &c., &c. (Bull and Auvache's list of books on sale, No. 860, in which the book is described as 'black letter, VERY SCARCE.')

there names, 4 s. Item for the corronatyon daye for oure kinge upon St James daye[1] to the ringers for ringing, 4 s. Item upon the xxiiijth daie of March[2] for the ringing for oure kinge, ij s. vj d. Item given to John Syme the segerston for drissinge of the leads, 4 d. Item laid fourth for washing of the church clothes, vj d. Item for reparinge of the churchyeard wall, vj d. Item for making up of the fourther church yeard yeate, 4 d. Item paid to Mr Hutton with a presentment about the fourth daie of October, 1603, xvj d. Item paid to Mr Hutton about the xvijth daie of Aprill 1604 with another presentment, xx d. Item spent upon ourselves at that tyme, ij s. Item for nailes and nailinge downe the leads which the wind did blow up, 5 d. Item for paper this yeare, ij d. Item for bread and wine to the communycants for this yeare, xvij s. 4 d. Item paid the viijth daie of May in St Nicholas Church, before Mr Docter Coulman at oure Bushope's vesitatyon for certaine artickles which we were sworne unto, xxij d. Item to the parrator at that tyme, 8 d. Item spent at that tyme upon oureselves and oure sidmen, xx d. *Disbursments* this yeare comith to:—The som of these is 54 s. 7 d. Rec. of the churwardons of the Chappell of Saint Margret's for there expencis of there parish church of St Oswould's for this yeare 1603 at the hands of Thomas Whitfeld and Rowland Shafeild, xiij s. ob.

Rec. of Widow Liddale for her sonne Cutbert Liddale his lairstall wich she oweth to ye church, xx d. And so shee remaineth indebted to ye church—behind unpaid, xx d.

MAYE 17. ANNO 1604.

Churchwardenes: Anthony Cocksonn for Shinkley, Jarrald Kotes, John Walker, Robert Mayland. Assistans: Georg Huchinson, Anthony Cotes.

The account of the above named churchwardins of St Oswold's in the year 1604. *Receates.*—Rec. of Mathew Noble for the rent of the church houses for this year, xij s. Rec. for a chyld of Sir Cuthbert Hill for his lairstaull, xx d. Rec. of the churchwardonn of Croxdall, ij s. vj d. Item rec. for a chyld of Mr John Morall, xx d. Item for Richard Tatim stall, iiij d.

(1) The coronation day of James I., who was crowned, by his own desire, on the festival of the Saint, his namesake.

(2) The day of the king's accession, being that of the death of Elizabeth.

Rec. for a child of Roger Carter for his lairstaull, xx d. *Summa*, xviij s. 2 d., and to receive xx d.—0. 19 s. 10 d.

The expenses of the above named churchwardins of St Oswoul's in the year 1604. Imprimis to the sagarston for his waige, iiij s. Item to the cleirk for this year waige, ij s. 8 d. Item for ringing upon Gowrie's day, iij s. 4 d. Item for rent of the church howses, xij d. Item to the sagerston for drissing of the leades, iiij d. Item for washing of the church clothes, vj d. Item for ringing upon the crownation day, iij s. 4 d. Item for laying tow bells tounges, and an iron pin to the bawdropp, iij s. 4 d. Item for a new rop to the midle bell, v s. vj d. Item for nyn foott of new glasse, to on of the windowes and fowr foot of owld glasse, v s. xj d. For mending the North yeat, xij d. For the church garth wall, vj d. For a desk to lay the byble on for makin of it, viij d. For amending of the stawles, vj d. Item for nailes, iiij d. Item for certain artickles which we wer sworn to befor Mr Dean and other Justices, vj d. Item in bread and wyne for this year to the communycantes is xxj s. 8 d. Item in paper, iij d. Item for mending of the lock to the church door and nayls, 4 d. Item for a futher of stepes to the North yeat of the church yeard, xvj d. Item for at that said tyme at the Quarter Sessions for the charges to ye churchwardins and ye minister, xvj d. Item for making the presentment, iiij d. Item for a bawd rope to the midle bell, xij d.

Summa, exspences of this year 1604–5, iij l. x s. Rec. of the churchwardins of the chappell of St Margrat's for their exspenses of their parish church of St Oswold's for [*their ?*] part of this year 1604 at the handes of Lansslott Hall and Christofor Harrysonn, xxj shillings j d.

Disbursmentes mor at the sean,[1] befor Mr Doctor Collmoor, the ix of Aprill Anno Domini 1605. Item for the book of canons, tow s. Item for making a presentment, iiij d. Item to Thomas King at the sean in delivering our presentment, xij d. Item for charges of our minister churchwardins and the sydmen, iij s. iiij d. Item for cairaig of a further of stepes, xvj d. Item for tow workmen and a laborer for a day, ij s. 3 d., and for nailes, 2 d.

17 OF MAIJ. AO DNI 1604.—Churchwardens of St Oswol's: Anthonye Cooksonn, for Richard Mansworth farm for Shinkley, Jarrard Coates, John Walker, Robert Maland.

(1) Visitation. See Pittington Book, p. 61, note (1).

The account of the above named churchwardins of St Oswould's in the year above named. The receats (*as above, repeated*).

The exspenses of the above named churchwardins of St Oswould's in the year 1604 (*repeated, as above*).

Churchwardins chosen the second day of Aprill Anno Domini 1605. Richard Whytfyld, Thomas Johnson, Raphe Dun; [for] Scowerfyld's farmolde of Shynkley, Wm Hall. Assistantes, John Thomson senior, Christopher Hutchison. Sir veares [*surveyors*] for the king hye wayes, Myles Whyt, Lyon Martin.

An Inventory of the bookes and church goods within the churche August 1605.—Item, a Byble, a Paraphersis of Erasmus. Item 3 tomes of omylies. Item two appoleges betwene Juell and Harden (*In Margin*, 24th Maij, 1613, a postell lackinge). Item a postell, a Comunion booke, a salter. Item the Quene's Injunctions; a booke of disobedines. Item the table of consanguinitie. Item the boundar books 15 leaves written and 3 unwritten.[1] Item the compositions betweene St Margrett and us. Item 9 scare parchment writings. The Communion coupp with a covar. Item our table clothe of blew and yellowe. Item a poulpit clothe of silke, one owld dipar tablecloth. Item three owld surpclothes, 3 coussions of velvit, one of them unstopt [*unstuffed?*]. Item one little grein silke coussion; the booke of the earthequake[2] (*In Margin*, 24th Maij, 1613, lacking the booke of earthquake); a poure man's chist. Item a chist for the regestar, one owld Flanders chist[3] in the revesterre. Item a covaring cloth for covaring the forme befor womin at churchins. Item xij longe owld dipar towels, one dipar napkin. Item a Surples for the vickar, on for the clarke.[4] Item a little

(1) See Pittington Book, p. 11, note (2), as to the books enumerated. The 'Boundar Book' may be supposed to have been one in which the boundaries of the parish were recorded.

(2) The earthquake in London of April 6, 1580, of which a graphic account may be seen in Stow's *Annals*. There were issued by authority in the same year 'A Order of Prayer to be used on Wednesdays and Fridays in all churches,' with a report of the earthquake, 'A prayer to be used of all householders, with their whole families, before they go to bed,' and 'A godly Admonition for the time present.' Published by the Parker Society (*Liturgical Services of Queen Elizabeth*), 1847.

(3) For 'Flanders Chests' see *Surt. Soc. Publ.* vol. 64, p. 365, and reference there to *Notes and Queries*, 4th s. iii. 127, 273.

(4) See above, A.D. 1580.

bounden booke in Inglies [*English*]. Item the watche of the clocke spangle. Item 4 coturles [*cotterels ?*] for the belis of iran; two longe ladars.

1605. The accoumpt of the churcwardens for this year's recept.—Item of Mathew Noble the 28th of Julie for the rent of the thre churche housis, vj s. More receyved of him the Martmes rent, vj s. Item for John Walkar's larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of George Manne for his childe's larestall, xx d. Item of Thomas Kyneleside for his mother's larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of John Dawson's wife for hir stall, iiij d. Item for Mr Coynyers his child's larestall, xx d. Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdal, ij s. vj d. Rec. of Lyonell Martin for his wive's stall, ij d. Rec. of wedowe Sandersonne for hir stall, iiij d. Rec. for bread and wyne for this year 1606, 1 l. 2 s. Rec. of the churchwardens of St Margret's for their part towards owre expencis for this yeare abovesaid, xij s. *Totalis*, 35 s. 4 d.

1605. *The expencis* this yeare abovesaid by the churchwardens for the churche. Item to Simme segarston his wagis and for washing the churche clothes, ij s. vj d. More for his wages, ij s. iiij d. More for bell imps, xiiij d. More for mending a baderope, iiij d. Item owre charges the first daie before Mr Docter Colmar for viij men's dinyers, iiij s. More to the Ordenarye for the vesitation besines, xvj d. Item our charges the first great Commission,[1] xx d. More the Comission daie next, xx d. More befor Mr Archdecon, viij d. To the clarke for his wagies, ij s. viij d. Item for ringin of the crowneation daie, iij s. iiij d. More for ringin of Gowrie's daie, iij s. iiij d. More the 24th of March for ringin, iij s. 4 d. More for drinke to the ringers, xij d. More, vj. Item for two bell rops, ij s. Paid for nales and mending of a stall, vj d. For bread and wyne, xxj s. vj d. More for soger money, xvij s. 4 d.

Rec. of the churchwardens of St Margrett's for ther part towards owre expencis, xij s. *Summa totalis*, 2 l. 14 s. 6 d.

APRILL XXIJ. 1606.

Churchwardens for this yeare, Thomas Johnson, Nicholas Mayson, Raph Dun, John Heddon for Shinckclif.—Assistance, Matthew Short, John Ridlaie. Suffaers [*Surveyors*] for

(1) Presumably the Court of High Commission. See Pittington Book, p. 55, note (2).

this yeare 1606; Thomas Wright, Christofor Wan. The accont of Thomas Johnson, Nicholas Mayson, Raph Dun, John Heddon, churchwardins for this yeare 1606.

Receits.—Item recaved of Mr Doctor Colmore for Houghell the xiij° daie of Juli 1606, ij s. viij d. Item recaved of Mr Renn [?] for the Hallgarth, xvj d. Item recaved of Mr Hall for the Hallgarth, xvj d. Item recaved of Mr Fawcett for Rilly, xiiij d. Item recaved of Mr Blaxton for Fenckly, ix d. Item recaved of Bowrn hall Lordship, ij s. ij d. Item recaved of old Durham, xx d. Item recaved for Shinckly, iij s. j d. Item recaved for Brome hall, Chunterbank, and Brome, and Aldernedge, ij s. viij d. Item recaved of Mr Docter Colmore for the yeare of our Lord God 1605 for rogg mony, ij s. viij d. Item recaved more of a sessment of Mr Doctor Colmore, vj d. Item recaved of Mr Blaxton for rogg mony in Anno 1605, ix d. More for a sessment of Mr Blaxton, vj d. Item recavede of St Margrett's for the past yeare which they weare behinde for the sexton wages and for the clark wages, iij s. ix d. Item recaved at our entringe in mony, xx d. Item recaved of Matthew Noble the xx daie of Julij 1606 for his Whitsuntide rent, vj s. Item recaved of Georg Man for the parish for rogg mony, xx d. Item recaved of Matthew Noble for Martinmesse rent 1606, vj s. Item recaved of the churchwardins of Croxdaile, ij s. vj d. *Somme recaved for this whole yeare*, xlix s. vj d.

For stawles and formes recaved for this yeare 1606.—Item recaved of Symond Greenn for his wif hir stawle, iiij d. Item recaved of John Pilgram for his stawle, iiij d. Item rec. of John Stobes for his stawle, iiij d. Item rec. of William Browne for his stawle, iiij d. Item rec. of John Turpine for his stawle, iiij d. Item rec. of Georg Man for Mr Salvin's stawle for Croxdaile, xij d.[1] Item rec. of Anthony Liddell of Sunderland for his wif lairestall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of Phillip Foster of Shinckclif for his owne stall and his wifes, both in one stall, viij d. Item rec. of Nicholas Hobson for his

(1) The ancient family of Salvin of Croxdale, still Roman Catholic, appears from this and other evidence to have had members from time to time who conformed to the established order of religion. But many of them were cited frequently for recusancy, as will appear in the Appendix. Other recusant families of note in the parish were the Batmansons (alias Batineesons) of Broome Hall, the Chators of Croxdale, and the Lawsons.

stall, iiij d. Item rec. for the rent of the church howses for this yeare 1606, xij s. Item rec. for the chappelrie of Croxdaile, ij s. vj d. Item a cessment by the consent of the hole parish for bred and wyne,[1] maid the 6 daie of Aprill 1607. Recaved for this last sessment for breed and wine for this whole yeare, xxvij s. x d.

Expences laide forth for this yeare 1606 by Thomas Johnson, Nicholas Mayson, Raphe Dun, John Heddon.—Item paid to Mr William Hall for Rogg mony, xvij s. iiij d. Item paid for eight men for their dinners at Matthew Noble house in Aprill last, when we weare before Mr Hutton 1606, iiij s. Item for our presentment the same tyme, xvj d. Item paid for Thomas Johnson and Nicholas Mayson for their dinners when we weare at Branspeth for Mr Doctor Colmore his rogg mony and for his sesment, viij d. Item laid forth for one bell ympe, iiij d. Item laid forth to the ringgers the v daie of August 1606, iij s. iiij d. Item laid forth to the ringgers for one gallan of aile the same daie, vj d. Item paid to John Sym for his wages, iiij s. Item paid for the greet bell ympes of the length of six faddom, iij s. Item paid for one stapple, j d. Item laid forth at Mr Arsdecon vesetation to Mr Hutton, xvj d. Item paid for six men for their dinners the same daie, iij s. Item spent about the goinge with a presentment the xx^o^ daie of October to Mr Hutton, viij d. Item laid forth to the ringgers the xxix^o^ daie of September went me Lord of Durham came from London the same daie,[2] ij s. Item ink and paper this year, viij d. Item laid forth to the ringgers the v^o^ daie of November 1606, iij s. iiij d. More laid forth for one gallan of aile to the ringgers the same daie, vj d. Item laid forth for ledder for the baldropp for the greet bell, iiij d. Item paid to the house of Durham for the church houses rent, xij d. Item laid forth for impes for the bells, vj d. Item laid forth to Robert Softland for lokinge that the bells were right in the stockes and wedginge of them, iiij d. Item for the tourninge of one stone and lainge of yt downe againe to John Sym, iij d. Item laid forth for the takine downe of our greet bell tounge, iiij d. Item laid forth for ringgine the xxiiij^o^ daie of March 1606, and for mendinge the middle bell and nales to yt,

(1) This is the first mention of a special cessment for the elements of Communion.

(2) William James, previously Dean, succeeded Tobias Matthew as Bishop in this year.

v s. j d. Item paid to the clark for writinge when the messhure was takine of the glasse windowes, vj d. Item paid to the clark for his wagies for this yeare and writinge the communicants, ij s. viij d. Item for breede and wine for this yeare 1606, xxviij s. iiij d. Item paid for mendinge the bell ropes, vj d. Item paid for mendinge our churchyard wall to William Thompson, xij d. Item paid to the seggerston for dressinge the leeds, iiij d. Item paid to the seggerston for weshinge the church cloes, vj d.—3 l. 7 s. 5 d.

The receipts, xxj s. vj d. *The disbursments*, iij l. vij s. v d. The remainder, xlv s. xj d. The moyitie to be paide by the churchwardens of the chappell of St Margrett's, xxij s. xj d. ob. Besyds their Roug money undischardged for this yere, and for paper and inke for this year by past, viij d.

6 SEPTEMBER 1607.—Receved the day and year abovsaid of the handes of the churchwardens of St Margrett's, Tho. Cominggam, Raufe Yonger, Raufe Tayler, and Wm Hucheson, churchwardens, the som of fifteene shillings penny half peny for their part of chardges dew at Easter last past for their parrish church of St Oswold's. This fifteene shillings 1 d. half penny is no part of the rouge money demanded by the churchwardens, Nicholas Mayson and Thomas Johnson.

Rec. the year 1606, foure pounds xij s. v d. Disburst for the year 1606 fower pounds vij s. 9 d. Remaining indebted, iiij s. viij d.

3° APRILIS 1608.

Receits for this yeare 1607.—Receved by Nicholas Mayson, Robert Robinson, Charles Gastell, Sammuell Hopper, Churchwardens.—*For seets and formes.*—Receved of William Tutine of Shincklif, j d. Rec. for a seete to Anthony Atkinson, j d. Rec. for a seete to Hugh Rampshaw, j d. Rec. at our entringe in mony, iiij s. viiij d. *Lairstals.*—Rec. of Anthony Kirklaie of Croxdale for his child's lairstall, xx d. Rec. for Mr Bussie for his lairstall, iij s. iiij d. *For stawles.*—Rec. of Thomas Graye for his wife stalle, iiij d. Rec. of Thomas Graie for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of John Johnson for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of John Johnson for his wives stall, iiij d. Rec. of Thomas Roote for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of John Smyth for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of William Hall for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Edward Pearson for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of John Whitfeild for his stall, iiij d.

Rec. of Henry Dun for sittinge in Richard Tutis stall, ij d. Rec. of Jayne Morland for hir stall, iiij d. Rec. of Lancelott Suddicke for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of William Hall for his wive's stall, iiij d. Rec. of Raph Maddeson for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Richard Hunter for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Nicholas Mayson for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Nicholas Mayson for his wives stall, iiij d. Rec. of Raph Maddeson for his wives stall, iiij d. Rec. of John Pilgram for his wives stall, iiij d. Rec. of Symond Grenn for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Robart Robeson senior for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Robt Robeson junior for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Edward Mainsforth for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of John Hunter for his stall, iiij d.

Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdaile, ij s. vj d. Rec. for a tree that we soulde to Richard Hunter, xiij s. iiij d. Rec. for three hundreth of slints [*splints?*], v s. Rec. of Matthew Noble for his whole yeare rent, xij s.

Some rec., l s. 3 d. Deduct hereof 4 s. 8 d. remaininge of a sessement. Received in this yeare, 45 s. 7 d.

Expencies laid forth and disbursed by Nicholas Mayson, Robart Robinson, Charles Gastell, Sammuell Hopper, churchwardins, for their whole yeare beinge from the 7th of Aprill in Anno Domini 1607 untill the 3rd of Aprill in Anno Domini 1608. Paid for eight men for their dinners when we weare before Mr Hutton at Mr Archdecon's vesetationne the xiiij^o daie of Aprill 1607, iiij s. Paid to Mr Hutton the xiiij^o daie of Aprill for articles and other fees, xxij d. Paid for two bell ympes, xviij d. Paid for the mendinge of our grett bell tounge, vij s. viij d.; whereof receivied of St Margarett's there half, being iij s. x d. Paid for the carringe of the bell tounge up into the steple, ij d. Paid for one new spaid and the iron to yt for our church, xj d. Paid to John Medcalf for three fox heades that he did kill within this parish, iij s. Paid for breade and drincke when me lord of Durham came last from London to the ringers, vj d. Paid to the ringgers the v^o daie of August, 1607, iij s. iiij d. Paid for breade and drincke to the ringers the same daie, vj d. Paide at me lord of Durham at his first vesitationne, beinge the xj^o daie of August 1607, for eight men for their dinners the same daie, iiij s. Paid the xj^o daie of August 1607 to Mr Thomas Kinge for a booke of articles in printe and for other fees, iij s. vj d. Paid for goinge to Chester with a presentment, the xxviij daie of August 1607, xij d. Paid to Robt Softlaie for mendinge of stawles and nales

and other help for our church, iij s. iiij d. Paid for two presentments makinge when we weare at Chester, vj d. Paid for incke and paper for this whole yeare, iiij d. Paid for our chargies the vj° daie of October 1607, beinge the seenn daie for five men beinge attendinge aboute besines three daies, ij s. vj d. Paid for six quartes of wine for a Communione beinge mynnistred the iiij° daie of October 1607 at eight pence a quart, iiij s. Paid for breed to the Communione the iiij° daie of October 1607, ij d. Paid to Mr Robart Butler for not ringinge when me lord came to Durham the third daie of October 1607, iij s. iiij d. Paid for ringginge the v° daie of November 1607, iij s. Paid the same v° daie of November for breade drincke and candles to the ringgers, viij d. Paid for two new balde ropes makinge for our part, vj s. viij d. Paid to the Deane and Chapter for the rent of our church howses, xij d. Paid to the seggerston for his whole yeare's wagies, iiij s. Paide to the seggerston for weshinge the church cloes for this yeare, vj d. Paid to the seggerston for dressinge the leeds this yeare, iiij d. Paid for carringe the flages into our church, vj d. Paid the first daie of Januarij 1607 for five quartes of wine mynnistred to a Communione the same daie at x d. a quart, iiij s. ij d. Paid for breade the same daie to the Communione, ij d. Paid to Robart Maland for mendinge the locke of our church dore two severall tymes, vj d. Paid for a citatione against St Margret's and the publishinge and callinge of yt, xj d. Paid for ringgine the vij° daie of March when me lord of Durham came to macke an ende of his vesitationne, 1607, xij d. Paid for nales, j d. Paid to Robt Robeson for goinge to Chester the third daie of March 1607 with a presentment to the Justicies, xij d. Paid for ringginge the xxiiij° daie of March 1607, iij s. Paid for bread and drinck the same daie to the ringgers, iiij d. Paid for xxvij quartes of wine and one pynte now at Easter 1608 at the price of x d. a quart, xxij s. xj d. Paid for bread now at Easter 1608, vij d. Paid for mendinge our part of the church wall, vj d. Paid to the clarke for writinge the communicants for this whole yeare, ij s. viij d. Paid to Charles Gastell for workinge at our church xvij daies and a half his wagies at x d. everie day, xiiij s. vij d. Paid to Thomas Younger for the same worke at our church xvij daies and a half his wagies, x d. everie daie, xiiij s. vij d. Paid to John Pilgram a laborer at our church xvij daies and a half his waiges at vj d. everie daie, viij s. ix d. Paid for

ledinge the flages home to our church from the quarre, viij s.[1] Paid for the gettinge of our flages at the quarre, xv s. *Somme in all*, viij l. j s. vj d.

This is the whole disbursment for this yeare 1607, out of which deduct as followeth:—Imprimis the receite of the churchwardins a mountinge to the somme of xlv s. vij d. More formerly paid, viz. For the great bell tounge, the one half the parish must paie, vij s. x d. And for two daies ringginge, vj s. x d. *Somme*, iij l. 3 d. And so remaines v l. j s. 3 d. Wherof St Margret's is to answere the one halfe, beinge l s. 7 d. ob. Bryan Belasais, John Lambton.

This account takine and allowed the 3 of Aprill 1608 by the consent of the most part of the 24 of this parish of St Oswold's, and of Mr John Hall, Thos Commingham, William Hucheson, Raph Younger for St Margret's.

MARCH XXIXº 1608.—Churchwardens chozine the daie and yeare above writtin by the consent of the most part of the parish. Nicholas Mayson, John Richeson, Mychaell Whetlaie for Shincklif, Roger Carter of Hourdhouse. Assistants to the foresaid churchwardins, John Ridlaie, Matthewe Short. Suffaers for the King's hywaies, Anthony Ayre, Georg Man.

17º JULIJ 1608.—All arreragies accompted and allowed, the old churchwardens are to receive in full discharge of there disbursements as followeth:—For the yeare of our Lord God 1607. Inprimis of churchwardens of Saincte Margarett's for there part, xlviij s. j d. ob.; and of Mr Bellases allowed by him for flagges wronge reckoned, v s. And the parishe is indebted unto them 4 s. 1 d. ob. Robert Robinson X his mark, Nicholas Maison X his mark, old churchwardens. John Richardson, Michaell Wheatley X his mark, new churchwardens. Allocatted in the presence of the most parte of the 24, and namely of theese whose names followeth, George Man, John Lambton, Thomas Johnson, Robt Greene, Matthew Noble, Georg Barrow, Thomas Kenlasid, Christofer Hutchinson, John Hunter, Matthew Shorte, Geo. Rawlinge, John Heddon, and others.

(1) The work done about the church in this and the following year included the flagging of the floor, possibly for the first time; for the floors of churches appear to have long continued unflagged, the bare earth being strewn with rushes or straw. Pittington Church was flagged in 1635, Houghton in 1604, the expense being borne in the latter parish by the Rector, Dr. Hutton.

The 24 pro Anno 1608.

John Lambton	Georg Rawlinge	Heugh Ramshaw	xxiiij.
Myles Whyte [1]	Matthew Shorte	Thomas Kenlaside	
Lionell Martyn	John Hedwyn	Robert Rutter	
Georg Hutchinson	George Barrow	Nicholas Maison	
Matthew Noble	Thomas Johnson	John Ridley	
Anthonie Cootes	Xpofer Liddell	John Hunter	
George Man	Robert Wrighte	Richard Archer	
Robert Cooper	Robert Green	Xpofer Hutchinson	

Nicholas Maison, Michaell Wheatley, Roger Carter, John Richardson, Churchwardens. John Ridley, Matthew Shorte, Assistants.

The *receipts* of the said churchwardens for this yeare 1608 doth follow. *Lairstalls.* Imprimis for Mrs Rackett, iij s. iiij d. Item for the wiffe of Anthonie Kirkley, iij s. iiij d. Item for the wiffe of Robert Dun, iij s. iiij d. Item for widowe Archer, iij s. iiij d. *Rentes.* Item of Matthew Noble for Whitsondaie rente, vj s. More of Matthew Noble for Martinmas rente, vj s. Of Anthonie Aire for his wives lairstall, iij s. iiij d. For the lairstall of Mr John Claxton, iij s. iiij d. *Stalles.* Received of Roger Carter from the owner of Burn Hall for the stalles belonginge to Burne Hall, ij s. Rec. of Thomas Foot's wife for her stall, iiij d. Of John Clerk for two stalles for himself and his wiffe, viij d. Of Robert Softley the younger for a stall for himself, iiij d. Of Robert Knagges for

(1) 'Bur. July 23, 1611. Myles White, one of the singing-men within the cathedrall churche of Durham, and of the aige of lxvij yeares, beinge a man of verie good accounte, whose soule the Lord Jesu have mercye upon. Amen.' *S. Osw. Parish Register* (White's printed edition). He had been implicated (being then about 30 years of age) in the revival of forbidden ritual in the Cathedral during the 'Rebellion of the Earls' in 1569. Cited afterwards before Dr. Robert Swift, Vicar-General and Official Principal, in his Consistory Court, he confessed that he had been present at masses, 'doing and exhibiting such reverences as others did,' had 'sung at mattens, evenson, anthomes, and procession after the crosse,' had heard the priest Holmes 'preiching against the servic and religion of this realme, commending the other,' and had, with the rest who were present in cathedral, 'knelt doun to take absolucion at his (Holmes's) hands, which he pronouncide in the pope Pius' name.' He pleaded that he had already been corrected by the Dean for these offences, saying that 'the things by hym confessed he this deponent is sori for, and he belyvith certainly that all his offenses heretofore by hym confessed ys pardoned by the Quene's majestie's free pardon.' (*Depositions and Ecclesiastical Proceedings*, Surt. Soc. Publ. vol. 21, p. 152.)

a stall for himself, iiij d. Of Christofer Bell for a stall for himself, iiij d. (Similarly of Thomas Aire, John Lamb, Robert Walton, George Forster, Richard Whitfeild, Samuel Atkinson, Patrick Fram.) Of Christofer Hutchinson for a stall to himself nigh the church doore, iiij d. Of Cuthbert Spenie for a rowme to build a stall on for himself, iiij d.[1] Received of the churchwardens of Croxdall, ij s. vj d. Received of Symon Green for the topp of a Ashtree, ij s. viij d. Rec. of Edward Atcheson's wiffe for a stall to herself, iiij d. Rec. of Robert Softley the elder for a stall to himself to be placed nigh the church doore, iiij d. Rec. of William Hodgshon for a rowme to build a stall on for himself in the North Ally, iiij d. Rec. of Nicholas Forster for a rowme to buyld a stall on with William Hodgshon for himself, iiij d. Rec. of Thomas Claxton for his father's stall, iiij d. Rec. of Paule Smith for a stall to himself nigh the South Church doore to himself, iiij d.[1] Rec. of John Richardson for that parte of the portch[2] next Mr Chaitor's stall and for the litle rowme on the backsid thereof for himself his wiffe and his familie the xvth of Aprill 1609, ij s. Rec. of Cuthbert Spenie for a stall to his wiffe, iiij d. Rec. of Christofer Foster for a stall that he must buylde next benethe William Hodgson's stall for himself, iiij d. Rec. of John Turner for a stall for himself, iiij d. (Similarly for Bartram Holme and Thomas Rashall.) Rec. of Thomas Swallwell for a seet of a forme, ij d. *Somme received*, l s.

Expenses laid forth and disbursed by Nicholas Maison, Roger Carter, Michaell Wheatley, and John Richardson, churchwardens of St Oswould's in Durham, elected the 29 Martij 1608

(1) This year are the first instances recorded in this book of persons being allowed to build their own stalls in vacant parts of the church, paying for the room occupied. Cuthbert Spenie and others appear from the price paid to have built stalls for themselves only; but John Richardson erected a family pew. Such pews seem now to have been coming into fashion. In 1603–4 two persons, Pilkinton and Lambton, had paid 1s. each for stalls for themselves and their wives; and in 1606–7, Mr. Salvin had paid the same sum for a stall, which may be concluded from the price to have been for his family.

(2) 'Portch' here denotes a portion of one of the aisles within the church, probably an ancient chantry chapel. So also below, A.D. 1614–15, 'the portch in the north ally.' Cf. 'My body to be buried in the churche of Kellowe in my Porch of o^{r} Ladye there betwixt my Wife there and the Alter ende.' (Will of John Trollop, of Thornley, 1522. Durham Wills, *Surtees Soc.* vol. ii. 105.) But afterwards, in the expenses of this same year, and elsewhere, the word 'porch' is used also in its usual modern sense.

for the yeare followinge untill the xviij[th] of Aprill 1609, as followeth:—In primis 13 Augusti paid to Robert Robinson that he laid forth before M[r] Hutton for fees and the churchwardens dynners, iij s. iiij d. Paid for three bell impes, xviij d. Paid to William Thompson for mendinge the church yard wall, x d. Paid to James Scurfeild for mendinge the church yard gate, vj d. Paid to William Middleton for bearinge stones, ij d. Paid for a newe Communion booke, and for carringe thereof from York, viij s. Paid for a fother of lyme, v s. For carryinge in the same, and sand, iiij d. Paid to M[r] William Hall for 3 yeards of green penniston for a Communion table cloth, xvj s. Paid to M[r] Hutton, 4 [*sic*] articles, for fees, and for our dinners, ij s. Paid to John Lamb for gettinge of flagges 13 November, 1608, vj s. Paid to Robert Wright for a peece of wood for mendinge the portch, xx d. Paid to John Fisher for crokes and wedges of iron for the arch stones of the portches, xviij d. Paid to W[m] Hodgshon's man for workeing wood for the portch, xij d. Paid to Robert Maland for locks, hespes, and keies for the poore man's box, xx d. Paid to Raph Younger and John Lamb for building one of the portches and for mending of the other, xxvij s. viij d. More for aile, vj d. Paid to W[m] Hilton 29 Nov. for mendinge of the glasse windowes, ix d. Paid to W[m] Hodgshon for two bordes and for mendinge the wood work of the portch, xx d. P[d] for nailes, iiij d. P[d] to Cuthbert Hodgshon and John Smart for mendinge the lead of the portch, x s. For nailles, iij d. For aile, iij d. Paid to John Lamb for paveing of fiftie yeardes in the bodie of the church after 4 d. the yeard, xvj s. viij d. Paid to Michaell Wheatley for leadinge of 4 fothers of flagges, and for sand, iij s. viij d. P[d] to Raph Trollopp for bearinge in the lyme and sand, vj d. P[d] for articles for the Lord President and Counsell at York, xij d. P[d] to Cuthbert Hodgshon for mendinge of the fount, xij d. P[d] to Lawraunce Sheyfeild's man for removinge of a stall that stode in the allie, vj d. P[d] to Cuthbert Spenie for mendinge of stalles, x d. For nailles, iiij d. P[d] to John Lamb for mendinge of the treshwart of the portch, iiij d. P[d] to Richard Ellison and William Middleton for bearinge earth from the church wall, xij d. P[d] to the Dean and Chapter for the rent of the church houses, xij d. P[d] to Nicholas Maison for v bushells and a half of lyme, xxij d. P[d] to Richard Ellison and Henrye Ramshaw for castinge and bearinge earth from the church sides, xij d. P[d] to John Hunter for a fother of lyme,

v s. P[d] to Raph Trollop for bearinge of stones and lyme to the church, xviij d. P[d] to John Lamb for makinge of a wall, for bareinge of lyme and other thinges in, iiij s. P[d] to William Humble and his sonne for sawinge of wood 2 daies after 10 d. a peece per diem, and for bread and drink, iiij s. P[d] to William Hilton for mendinge of the church windowes with glasse, 27 Martij 1609, iij s. iiij d. P[d] to Raph Trollopp for makinge upp the church yeard wall, vj s. P[d] to Edmond Smith for mendinge one of the bell ropes, ij s. vj d. P[d] to the clarke for writeinge of the communicants this yeare and for other writinge, &c., ij s. viij d. P[d] for paper and ink, iiij d. P[d] to the sacriston for his whole yeare's waiges, iiij s. P[d] to him more for washinge of the church clothes this yeare, vj d. P[d] more to him for dressinge of the leedes this yeare, iiij d. P[d] the 2 Oct. 1608 for vij quarts of Claret wine [1] att 8 d. per quarte for the Communion, iiij s. viij d. P[d] for breade for the same, ij d. P[d] 25 Decem. 1608 for 4 quarts of Claret wine at 8 d. per quarte, for the Communion, ij s. viij d. P[d] for bread to the same, j d. P[d] 1° Januarii 1608 for 4 quarts at 8 d. per quarte, ij s. viij d. P[d] for bread to the same, j d. P[d] for drawinge of certaine orders to be observed in the church, and for procureing the same to be confirmed by M[r] Doctor Colmor and M[r] Edw. Hutton, Official to the Deane and Chapter of Durham, v s.[2] P[d] for a lying Quorum Nomina for recoveringe of all manner of dueties belonginge to the church, xix s. P[d] to John Lamb for laieing downe of graves in the church, xij d. P[d] for 30 quartes of wine at 8 d. per quarte att Easter 1609 for the Communion then generallie celebrated throughout the whole parish, xx s. P[d] for bread to the same, ix d. P[d] by Nicholas Maison for the carryinge of a presentment to M[r] Edward Hutton, viij d. P[d] for 3 fother of lyme to be brought towardes the repairinge of the steeple and other thinges, xvj s. P[d] to Michaell Wheatley for leadinge of stones and sand to the church, viij d.

Somme disbursed.—x l. vj s. viij d. *Receits* to be deducted, l s. Remaynes, vij l. xvj s. 8 d. The one half whereof to be answered by the churchwardens of S[t] Margret's doth amount to iij l. xviij s. iiij d.

(1) Observe the specification of claret as the wine used for Communion. 'CLARET, a general name for the red wines of France.'—*Bailey.*

(2) These orders will be found below.

APRILL 30, 1609.

This accounte passed and allowede by and betwene the churchwardens of St Oswould's and the churchwardens of St Margarett's in the presence of Richard Jacson, Curate, John Lambton, John Hall, Edw. Carter, Miles Whyte, George Mann, Matthew X Noble, Raph Younger X, Lyonell Martyn, Robert Rutter, Tho. Kinleside, John Ridlaye X, Matthew Short X, Robert Green X, William Hall X, Raph X Kempe, Tho. X Stote, Thomas Conyngham, Christopher Harrysonn, John Richardson, John Hunter.

XVIIJ° APRILIS, 1609.—The xxiiij for this year followeth.

Mr John Lambtonn	1	George Barrow	7	xij
Myles White	2	John Hedwin	8	
John Richardson	3	George Rawlinge	9	
George Hutchinson	4	Robert Cooper	10	
George Mann	5	Anthonie Cootes	11	
Matthew Noble	6	Matthew Short	12	
Robert Wright	13	Christofer Hutchinson	19	xij
Robert Green	14	Christofer Liddle	20	
Thomas Johnson	15	John Hunter	21	
William Thompson	16	Nicholas Maison	22	
Robert Rutter	17	Richard Archer	23	
John Ridley	18	Thomas Kenlasid	24	

Churchwardens chosen for this yeare:—John Richardson, Anthonie Aire, Nicholas Verlay, John Hunter.—Assistants: John Stobbes, Thomas Kenlesid.—Assistanntes to the Churchwardens for surveyinge and attendinge on the work of the steeple and leades of the church, &c. (Memorandum that they consented hereunto.) Mr Lambton, Myles White, George Man, Robert Cooper, for the Brougham Barronrie; George Rawlinge, John Hedwyn, for Shinckliffe. Surveyers for the high waies; Matthew Noble, William Thompson.

18° APRILIS, 1609.—*The receiptes* of John Richardson, John Hunter, Anthonie Aire, and Nicholas Varley, for this yeare 1609. *Rentes.* Imprimis of Matthew Noble for Whitsondaie rent 1609, vj s. Item of him more for Martinmas half yeare's rent for the same yeare, vj s. *Lairstalles.* Item of Henry Rackett for a childe of his, xx d. Item of Mr Samuell Lever

for a childe of his, xx d. Item for a childe of Mr Dakins, xx d. Item of John Richardson for two children of his there lairstones,[1] iij s. iiij d. Item for the lairstone of Michaell Wheatley, iij s. iv d.—*Stalles.* Item of Mistris Salkeld for a stall, iiij d. Item for a stall for Michaell Wheatley his sonne, iiij d.—Item received of George Man for 4 peeces of wood, iij s. Item of the Bell-founder for wood that was left, xij d. Item mettell that [*was*] left, viz. of the best sorte two hundreth att vj d. per lb. amounting in toto to v l. Item two dozen of courser mettell att iiij d. per lb. amounting to viij s. *Somme,* vij l. xvj s. iiij d. Received of the Churchwardens of Croxdaill, ij s. vj d. *Somme,* vij l. xviij s. x d.

The expenses of the aforenamed Churchwardens for the said yeare 1609.—Imprimis paid to Mr Edward Hutton 25 April 1609, xxij d. Item paid to the wainmen that brought the lyme and sand for there drinkes, ix d. Item paid for carryeinge of the said lyme and sand into the church, xviij d. Item paid for carrieinge of water for the sleckeninge of the same lyme, vj d. Item paid to John Lamb for the choseinge and loadinge of three foother of lyme at Carnforth and for sleckeninge of the same, ij s.

11 Julij.—Item paid to John Lamb and Thomas Younger for workinge att our church v daies either of them at xij d. per diem, x s. Item paid to Thomas Browne and William Ewens two labourers for the said worke for ix daies betwene them att vj d. per diem, iiij s. vj d. Item paid to William Ewens for helpinge upp of the stone uppon the steeple topp, iiij d. Item paid to two women for carryinge of water to the said worke for v daies, xx d. Item paid for half a stone of lead for sowderinge of the barres of iron, vj d. Item for breade and drinke for the workmen for v daies at 4 d. a daie, xx d. Item paid for haire, iij d. Item paid for bread and drinke att the makeinge of the Churchwardens' accompt, vij d. Item paid for claspes and wedges of iron, ij s. j d.

22 Julij.—Item paid to John Lamb for v daies worke, v s. Item paid to Thomas Browne a labourer for v daies, ij s. vj d. Item for there drinke for v daies, x d. Item for bearinge of water, xij d. Item paid to John Lamb for 4 daies and a half, iiij s. vj d. Item paid to Thomas Browne for v daies, ij s. vj d.

(1) As to the use this year of the word *lairstone* instead of *lairstall,* see Introduction to Pittington Book, p. 5.

Item paid for there drinke, x d. Item paid for bearinge of water, xij d. Paid for leadinge a foother of sand and to them that brought the lyme, vj d.

5 AUGUST 1609.—Paid to Thomas Younger for 4 daies worke, iiij s. Paid to John Lamb for v daies worke, v s. Paid to a labourer for 5 daies, ij s. vj d. Paid for there drinke this weeke, xvj d. Paid for bearinge of water, xij d. Paid for bringinge a ladder from Shinckliffe, ij d. Paid for a load of lyme, v s. Paid to the ringers 5 Augusti, ij s. Paid to Thomas Carr and Richard Bilsburie for guideing of the windowes for 5 daies, att 8 d. per diem to either of them, vj s. viij d. Paid to John Simm for v daies, 6 d. per diem, ij s. vj d. Paid to Richard Leeke for v daies, ij s. vj d. Paid to Thomas Atkinson for v daies, ij s. vj d. Paid for bread to them this weeke, xj d. Paid for drinke for this worke, iij s. vj d. Paid to John Rudgewaie for thinges wrought by him about this worke, ij s. viij d. Paid to John Sim for his half yeare's waiges, ij s.

DECEMBER 1609.—Paid to William Hodgshon and his man for either of them one daie's work about the steeple, xxij d. Paid to John Rudgewaie for makeinge of claspes and wedges, iiij d. Paid for coles for sowderinge with, iiij d. Paid to John Sim for iij daies and a half, xxj d. Paid for bringinge the windowes [*windlass*] and roopes from the Colledge and for carrieinge them home again, xij d. Paid to Cuthbert Hodgshon for iiij daies worke at xiiij d. per diem, iiij s. viij d. Paid to John Smart for 2 daies and a half, ij s. x d. Paid to Christofer Liddle for nailles, ij s. iij d. Paid to Barbarie Hunter for drinke, xj d. Paid to the plumber for xv l. of sowder, x s. Paid to John Lamb for laieinge downe the graves in the church, vj d. Paid to Thomas Younger for vij daies worke att the steeple at xij d. per diem, vij s. Paid to John Lamb for the like worke, vij s. Paid to John Sim for two daies worke, xij d. Paid to another labourer for v daies worke, ij s. vj d. Paid to the clarke for his whole yeare's waiges, for writeinge the communicants and bookes of accompts, ij s. viij d. Paid to Mr Edward Hutton at his visitation, xvj d. Paid to the Dean and Chapter for the rent of the church houses for one yeare, xij d.

Paid the vijth of Januarie 1609 for vj quartes of wine att viij d. a quart, iiij s. P^{d} 1 Ap. 1610 for vj quartes of wine att 9 d. per quart, iiij s. vj d. P^{d} 3 Ap. 1610 for one quart of wine, ix d. P^{d} 4 Ap. 1610 for one pinte of wine, iiij d. ob. P^{d} 5 Ap. for one quart of wine, ix d. P^{d} 6 Ap. for two

quartes of wine, xviij d. P^d 7 Ap. for 4 quartes of wine, iij s. P^d for one quart of wine for Fenkaley,[1] ix d. P^d 8 Ap. 1610 for 13 quartes and a pinte of wine to the great Communion on Easter daie, x s. P^d for bread to the Communion for this yeare, xij d.

Paid to Samuell Dearham for writeinge the orders of our church in printed hand in parchment, v s.

Disbursements for castinge of the Bell.—Paid to Rowland Gowland 23 *Martij* 1609 for viij daies worke att vj d. per diem, iiij s. Paid to Thomas Williamson for ryveinge of wood, xij d. Paid to Raph Younger for 3 hundreth tile, iiij s. vj d. Paid to Rowland Gowland 2 Ap. for vj daies worke, iij s. Paid for iij foother of clay, xviij d. P^d for a load of coles, iij d. P^d to William Browne for 4 daies worke, ij s. P^d to Robert Gowland a labourer for 4 daies, ij s. P^d to William Browne for 2 daies and a half, xv d. P^d for a iron staple to the bell, xix d. P^d to Rowland Gowland a labourer for v daies, ij s. vj d. P^d for two threaves of strawe and some wood to George Man, xij d. P^d for bread and drinke att the takeinge downe of the bell, ij s. P^d to William Hodgshon for his worke about the takeing downe of the bell, and for cuttinge of the tres for the bell, iij s. vj d. P^d for bread and drinke to them that helpt to gett upp oure bell, iij s. vj d. P^d to Cuthbert Hodgshon for his help about our bell, xij d. P^d to Christofer Liddle for nailles to the bell, vj d. P^d to William Hodgshon for stockinge the bell, xij d. P^d to John Rudgewaie for his paines about our bell, vj d. P^d to Christofer Liddle for wedges and nailles, xv d. P^d to old Robert Softley for his help, iiij d. P^d to Robert Dallinwud [?] for drawinge of tres, iiij d. P^d to Cuthbert Hodgshon for carrieinge over the greate rope and other thinges, vj d. P^d to John Lamb for helpinge downe the bell, vj d. P^d to John Hunter for bringing the greate rope and windowes [*windlass*] and other thinges, xij d. P^d to Robert Rutter and John Ridley for 3 hundreth weight of mettell att 3 l. per hundreth, ix l. P^d more to them for two dozen and 4 l. of pewder for the bell, xxj s. P^d to Richard Bolton and to Christofer Bolton his sonne for castinge of our bell, and they stand

(1) *I.e. Finchale*, where are now the ruins of 'Finchale Abbey,' which was a cell under Durham. It formed part of the extensive parish of St. Oswald, and it would seem from this entry that there had been a celebration of the Holy Communion there for the distant parishioners, though where held does not appear. There was no chapel of ease there; yet the quantity of wine procured seems too large for a private Communion of the sick.

bound to uphold the same for a yeare, x l. P^d^ for drinke when the Bell founders went awaie, vj d.[1]

MAIJ 1610.

Worke for the leàdes.—Paid to Cuthbert Hodgshon for vj daies worke att xvj d. per diem, viij s. P^d^ to Georg Hirst for vj daies att the same worke att vij d. per diem, iij s. vj d. P^d^ to Cuthbert Hodgshon for 3 daies and a half att the leades, iij s. viij d. P^d^ to George Hirst a labourer for the same time, ij s. ob. P^d^ to John Sim for two half daies worke, vj d. P^d^ to Heugh Ramshaw for one daie's worke, vj d. P^d^ to Christofer Liddle for 2 hundreth of lead nailles at viij d. the hundreth, xvj d. More to him for bord nailles, x d. More to him for 2 hundreth lead nailles, xvj d. More to him for bord nailles, xiiij d. P^d^ to Cuthbert Hodgshon for xvj pound of sowder whereof xiij l. was used in Maij 1610 and 3 l. the 2 of June 1610 att 8 d. per pound, x s. viij d. P^d^ to Cuthbert Hodgshon for xx yeardes of sarkin bordes for the leades of our church at 3 d. ob. per yeard, v s. x d. P^d^ to Cuthbert Hodgshon for one daie's worke to sowder all the holes in the leades, xvj d. P^d^ to Barbarie Hunter for drinke for this leade worke, xxj d. P^d^ for coles for the lead worke, iiij d. P^d^ for sope for the windowes, j d. P^d^ to Cuthbert Hodgshon for xij pound of lead, xij s. *Hitherto*, 33 s. 4 d. ob.

Paid for paper and for ink for makeinge upp all accompts and reckeninges concerninge the bell and the other works about the church, viij d. P^d^ to Myles White for a bell rope, the same being verie long will almost serve for two, v s. P^d^ to the Churchwardins for their hole yeare's expences for goinge about the worke, iiij s.

The totall some of disburments—xxxiij l. x s. vij d. Deduct 2 s.—33. 8. 7.

Deducted for the revenew of the churche—vij l. xvj s. iiij d. Add 2 s. 6 d.—7. 18. 10.

Remaines to be devided, xxv l. xiiij s. iij d. The one half theirof cometh unto xij l. xvij s. j d. ob.—12. 14. 10. ob.

XXIXth OF JUN: 1610.—This account passed and allowed by and betwene the Churchwardens of St Oswold's and the

(1) Observe the extensive works this year about the church, including the casting of a new bell with new metal, in place of an old one. It appears from the disbursements above that the whole work was done on the spot, the bell-founders, Bolton & Son, having come to Durham for the purpose.

Churchwardens of St Margarett's in the presence of those whose names are underwritten.

Myles Whyte, Raphe Wrenn, John Richardson, Nicholes ——, Thomas Stot X, Anthony Aire, Marke X Belle, John Hunter, George Man, Matthew Short X, Georg Barrow X, Christofer Man X, Henry Dun X, William Thompson X.

27 NOVEMBRIS 1610.—Received of the Churchwardens of St Margarett's in Durham the somme of v l. iiij s. x d. ob., beinge the remainder of the accompt pro anno 1609, by me, John Richardson.

x^th^ OF APRILL 1610.—Churchwardens chosine the xth daie of Aprill 1610 by all the consent of the parish of St Oswold's in Durham for this yeare followinge. John Richardson, John Hunter, John Farro, Henry Arrowsmyth for Shinckliffe. Assistance to the forsaide Churchwardins, John Ridlaie, Matthew Short. Survaers for the hy waies for the same yeare 1610, John Boothe, Matthew Noble.

The *receipes* of John Richardson, John Hunter, John Farro, Henrye Arrowsmythe, Churchwardens of St Oswold's in Durham, from the xth daie of Aprill 1610 untill the xxvj^th^ daie of March 1611 as after followethe. *Rentes.*—Imprimis rec. of Matthew Noble for his Whitsondaie rent, vj s. Item rec. of Matthew Noble for his Martinmasse rent, vj s. *Lairstals.*—Item rec. of Henrye Newton for his wives lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of wedowe Howe hir layrestall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. for the lairestall of a childe of Mr Thomas Chaytor Esquire, xx d. Item rec. of the Churchwardens of Croxdaile, ij s. vj d. *Stals.*—Item rec. of Raph Dun for John Johnson stall, iiij d. Item rec. of Georg Barrow the younger for his stall, iiij d. *Somme*, xxiij s. vj d.

The expences of John Richardson &c. from the xth daie of Aprill 1610 untill the xvj^th^ daie of March 1611 as followethe:—Imprimis paide to Mr Thomas King for the booke of articles given in charge at me Lord vesitacion and for other fees, iij s. vj d. P^d^ for the churchwardens and sidemen for their dinners at me Lord vesitacionne, iij s. vj d. P^d^ to John Redgswaie for the mendinge of our greate bell tounge, iiij s. P^d^ to the sagirston for his whole yeare's wagies, iiij s. P^d^ more to the sagirston for weshinge the church cloes, vj d. P^d^ more to the sagirston for dressinge the leedes, iiij d. P^d^ to William Hodgson for makinge of a frame for the orders of our church, iiij s. P^d^ to Robert Cooper for canves for the lyninge theirof, and pasting it, vj d. P^d^ to the clarke for wrytinge the commu-

nicants and for other accounts, ij s. viij d. P^d for paper and inke, viij d. P^d to John Lambe for layinge downe three lairestalls, xij d. P^d more to John Lambe for working one daie at the steple, xij d. P^d to a laborer for the saide worke, vj d. P^d to Barbary Grenn for mendinge two surpcloes, xvj d. P^d for mendinge one bald rope, iiij d. P^d for three bell impes, xviij d. P^d to the Deane and Chapter for the rent of the church howses, xij d. P^d to Christofer Wan for makinge up of a gapp in the church wall when our bell was cassen, iij d. P^d to Mr Hutton for his fees at our entringe, xvj d. P^d to Georg Barras for a spade iron for our church use, x d. P^d for the charges of the churchwardens at their entrye and at the sene, iiij s. vj d. P^d for mendinge the glasse windowes, iij s. iiij d. P^d for two oulde fox heades, ij s. P^d for fower young fox heades, xvj d. P^d for six quartes of wyne the xxiijth daie of December 1610 to the Communion the same daie at 8 d. per quart, iiij s. P^d the xvijth daie of Marche 1610 for x quartes of wyne at 8 d. a quart, vj s. viij d. P^d the xviijth of March 1610 for one quart of wyne, viij d. P^d the xixth of March 1610 for one quart of wyne, viij d. P^d the xxth of March 1610 for one pynte of wyne, iiij d. P^d the xxjth daie of March 1610 for two quartes of wyne, xvj d. P^d the xxijth daie of March 1610 for one quarte of wyne, viij d. P^d the xxiijth daie of March 1610 for three quartes of wyne, ij s. P^d the xxiiijth daie of March 1610 beinge Easter daie for xiij quartes of wyne and one pynte, ix s.[1] P^d for breade for this whole yeare, xij d. *Somme*, iij l. x s. ij d. Deduct for the revenewe of the church, xxiij s. vj d. Remaines to be devided, xlvj s. ix d. The one half thereof cometh to xxiij s. iiij d. ob.

27th Maij 1611.

Rec. the daie and yeare above wryttin of the Churchwardens

(1) It thus appears, as in other years about this time, that Communions were celebrated daily from Palm Sunday to Easter Day inclusive, though not, as in 1580, throughout Lent, and also about Christmas time, and in some years at Michaelmas, but not apparently at any other time during the year; and also that there was usually no celebration on Christmas Day itself. This year the Christmas celebration was on December 23, which was probably the Sunday before Christmas. In the following year, it was on January 1. Perhaps Christmas Day was associated in men's minds with revelry rather than devotion; and the Puritan objection to the religious observance of Christmas may have come in. They did not understand being religiously merry and joyful: a gloomy Sabbath was their ideal of a day of worship.

of the Chappelrie of St Margarette's, xxj s. viij d. ob. for their moyetie, beinge their account for the yeare aforegoinge in anno Domini 1610.—George Man, Henrie Arrowsmith.

xxvjth Daie of March 1611.—Churchwardens chosen the daie and yeare above wryttin by the consent of the xxiiij and the most part of the parish of St Oswold's in Durham.—Robert Cooper, Georg Man, Thomas Wright, Sammuell Hopper.

The receits of Robert Cooper, Georg Man, Thomas Wright, and Sammuell Hopper, Churchwardens of St Oswold's in Durham, from the xxvjth daie of March 1611 untill the xiiijth daie of Aprill 1612, as followeth. Rec. of Matthew Noble for his Whitsondaie rent for the Church houses, 1611, vj s. Rec. for a tree that was sould to the bell founder, xiiij s. vj d. Rec. of Matthew Noble for his Martinmas rent, 1611, vj s. *Layrestals.*—Rec. for Symond Randall layrestall, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of William Eggleston for his child's layrestall, xx d. Rec. of Georg Man for his two children layrestals, iij s. iiij d. Rec. for John Hopper layrestall, iij s. iiij d. Rec. of John Ridlaie for his child's layrestall, xx d. Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdaile, ij s. vj d. *For Stales.*—Rec. of James Skirfeild for a stall for his wife, iiij d. *Somme received,* ij l. ij s. viij d. *The disbursements* of Robert Cooper, Georg Man, Thomas Wright, and Sammuell Hopper, churchwardens, &c. Im primis paide to the sagerston for his whole yeare's wages, iiij s. Paid to Mr Edward Hutton and other officers for their fees the xxixth daie of Aprill 1611, xxij d. Paid for the churchwardens' charges the same daie for the new and the ould, ij s. viij d. Paid to John Sym for washinge the church cloes, vj d. Paid to John Sym for dressinge the leeds, iiij d. Paide for mendinge one bald rope, x d. Paid to Mr Edward Hutton att a Court houlden the 2nd of October 1611, xvj d. Paide for our curatt and churchwardens' charges the same daie, ij s. vj d. Paid for articles att a Quarter Cessions, houlden the third daie of October 1611, xij d. Paid for the churchwardens' charges the same daie, ij s. vj d. Paid to Christofer Foster and two laborers for to helpe hime for the tressinge up of our new bell, ij s. iij d. Paide to Christofer Foster for mendinge the bell wheele and for mendinge the church yard yeate, xij d. Paid to Christofer Leddell for nales cotrels and wedges for the bell stocke and the church yard yeate, xiij d. Paide for six quartes of wine at vj d. a quart to a Communion

the first daie of Januarij 1611, iij s. Paide for bread to the Communion the same daie, j d. Paid for the rent of the church houses to the Right Worshipful the Deane and Chapter, xij d. Paid for the makinge of the pummell and the bowell new of our myddle bell, v s. ix d. Paide for a spade iron to our church, vij d. Paide for mendinge a bald rope, viij d. Paide for fower bowels of lyme brought from Wolsingham, vj s. Paide for slockinge the same lyme, ij d. Paide for beringe sand and smethie come to the same lyme, xij d. Paide for fortie gallons of woort to the same lyme at iiij d. the gallon, xiij s. iiij d. Paide for fower bushels of speckes to the same, xx d. Paide for one stone of hayre to the same, xij d. Paide for wodd and coles for the boylinge of the lecker to the same, xij d. Paide for the two bekers to the same, ij d. Paide to a laborer for two daies worke with a nax and picke to picke forth the ould lyme and morter that the new might better take hold, xij d. Paide for bread and drinke to the workman and his laborers for the tyme of that worke, xij d. Paide to the workman for his wages and paines for the effecting of the same worke, xxxiij s. iiij d. Paide for xxxj quartes of wine and one pynte att vj d. a quart to the greate and generall Communion at Easter last, xv s. ix d. Paide for bread to the Communion at Easter last, xij d. Paide for a cappe for the church yarde yeate, vj d. Paide to the clarke for wrytinge the communicants for the whole yeare, ij s. viij d. Paide for inke and paper and one penneworth of small cord to mend our bell string with, iij d.

Somme disbursed, v l. xij s. ix d.—Rec. to be deducted, ij l. ij s. viij d. Remaines to be devided, iij l. x s. j d., wherof St Margarett's hath paid one halfe, xxxv s. ob., to G. Man and to Robert Cooper. —— This accompt passed and allowed the xvij^th daie of Maij 1612 by and betwene the churchwardens of St Oswold's and the churchwardens of St Margarett's, in the presence of John Lambton, Raph Wren, Thomas X Whitfeild, Raphe X Kempe, Mark X Belle, John Bailles, Thomas Snowball, Robert Raw, John Richardson, Thomas Weatslaie, with others the moste of the parish.—*Somme*, v l. xij s. ix d.

XIIIJ^th APRILL 1612.—Churchwardens elected and chosen the daie and yeare above writtin for the yeare following. Robert Cooper, Henry Dun, Thomas Walker, Thomas Trewhett. Assistance to the saide churchwardens: John Fisher, William

Thompson.—Survaers for the Comon waies; Robert Hilyard, gent., Robert Cooper.

The accoumpt of Robart Cooper, &c. . . . from the xiiijth daie of Aprill 1612 untill the vjth daie of Aprill 1613 for all their receites for their whole yeare as followeth.

Receites.—Rec. of Matthew Noble for his whole yeare's rent, xij s. Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdaile, ij s. vj d. Rec. for an eshe tree that was sett one fyer in our churchyarde, viij s.

Lairstalles.—Rec. of John Richardson for his childe's lairestall, xx d.

Conduct stalles.—Rec. of John Stokes' chelder for Richard Hunter wive's stall for his wife, iiij d. Rec. of Henry Dun for Robart Rutter wive's stall for his wife, iiij d. Rec. of Edward Punshan of Shinckcliffe for Hugh Barro stall, iiij d. Rec. of Rowland Kirsopp for Roger Fisher stall, iiij d. *Somme,* xxv s. vj d.

The disbursments of Robert Cooper, &c. . . . from the xiiijth daie of Aprill 1612 untill the vjth daie of Aprill 1613 for their whole yeare as followeth.

Disbursmentes.—Paid for small cord and hempe to mende the bell ropes with, v d. Paid for mendinge the south church and the north church yeates that the deade corpes is broughe in from Sunderland and Brome,[1] xviij d. Paid to the sagerston for his whole yeare's wages, iiij s. Paid for dressinge the leades this yeare, iiij d. Paid for weshinge the church clothes this yeare, vj d.

VIth OCTOBER, 1612.—Paid to Ingram Maugham at a seene daie, xxij d. Paid for our presentment the same daie, iiij d. Paid for our charges the same daie, iij s. vj d. September, 1612. Paid for bread and two quartes of wine att a Communion att Michaellmesse, 1612, xiiij d. Paid for a showell to our churche, vj d. Paid for fee farme for our churche houses, xij d. Paid for xj faddome of rope for our bell impes, xxij d. Paid for Thomas Trewhett churchwarden when he was sworne, iiij d. Paid to the clarke for wrytinge the communicantes, ij s. viij d. Paid for two presentmentes, iiij d. Paid to Cuthbart Hodgson for two daies and a halfe worke for mendinge our churche leades and spoutes in divers plases,

(1) The bridge across the Wear to Croxdale, about 2½ miles southward from the church, is still called Sunderland bridge.

iij s. Paid to a laborer for two daies and a halfe worke att that tyme, xv d. Paid for fower pounde and one quarter of sowder att 8 d. a pounde and for nailes to the same worke, iij s. iiij d. Paid for coles to heate the plummer's sowderinge irons with and wood, iiij d. Paid for bread and drinke to the workmen when they mended the leedes, vj d. Paid for fillinge three leade gutters with lyme and morter, iiij d. Paid for six quartes of wine the first daie of Januarij 1612 to a Communion the same daie att 8 d. a quart, and for bread, iiij s. ij d. Paid for mendinge the bell ropes with leather and workmanshipp, x d. Paid for xxxiij^tie quartes of wine to the greate and generall Communion att Easter last att 8 d. a quart, xxij s. Paid for bread att Easter to the Communion, xij d. Paid the xiij^th daie of Aprill 1613 att the Court for fees, xxij d. Paid for our charges the xiij^th of Aprill 1613 for the old churchwardens and the new churchwardens, iiij s. vj d. Paid for a presentment and the answeringe to the articles, vj d. Paid for a new ledder to our churche, iiij s. iiij d. Paid for inke and paper for wrytinge collectyons and other church besines and dewties for this whole yeare, vj d. Paid for a lyttle booke wherin all the whole parish names ar in wryttin for the churchwardens, iiij d. Paid for fellinge an eshe tree that was sett one fyer in our churche yard and for kepinge and savinge of yt, ij s. Paid for settinge xxx^tie younge eshes about our churche yarde by commandement of the right worshipfull Mr Doctor Colmore, vj s. Paid for regestringe our accoumpt in our church booke, vj d. [*erased*].

Somme disbursed, iij l. xvj s. viij d. Rec. of the revenewes of the church to be deducted, xxv s. vj d. Remaines to be devided, lj s. ij d. Wherof St Margarette's haith paid the one halfe theirof amountinge to xxv s. vij d.

2 MAIJ, 1613. This accoumpt passed and allowed by and betweene the churchwardens of St Oswoldes and the churchwardens of St Margarettes in the presentes of those whose names are under wryttin. *Churchwardens*, Robert Cooper, Henry X Dun.

John Richardson, Isaack Pilkington, George Man, Robert Maland, Robert Softlaie X, William Dowson X, John Bayles, Thomas Snawball X, Christopher Robinson. Churchwardens. Thomas X Whitfeild, John Jale, Marke X Belle, Charles Halle, John Fysher, Matthew Shorte X, John Rutter, James Skirfeild X, Robert Robinson X, with others.

[The following, belonging to this date, is inserted from the end of the book.]

IIJ^th^ AUGUST, 1612.—To the right worshipfull Mr Henry Ewbancke, Vice Deane of the Cathedrall Church of Durham.

Whereas their haith bene greate charges about the reparations of St Oswoldes church in Durham and the Chappelries of Witton Gilbart likewise; and divers cessmentes behinde unpaide for Beareparke, so itt is right worshipfull that the churchwardens of both parties ar agreed viz. that is to saye that the churchwardens of Witton Gilbart ar to recave for their part the one half of the cessment for Beareparke, and the other halfe of the saide cessment to St Oswoldes, to be equally devided betwene them, besechinge your Worshipp for to consider of the premisses, and they shall daily praie for your Worshipp longe to continew. Robert Cooper, Henry X Dunn, Cuthbert Watson, Nicholas Varley.

VJ^th^ APRILL 1613.

Churchwardens of St Oswoldes in Durham elected and chozine the daie and yeare above wryttin. Isaacke Pilkington, John Fisher, John Smythe, George Rawlyn, Churchwardens. Assistance to the saide churchwardens, William Sheroton, Rowland Norrish. Survaers for the comon waies, Charles Hall, John Farro.

The accoumpt of Isaacke Pilkington, &c., from the vj^th^ daie of Aprill 1613 untill the xxvj^th^ daie of Aprill 1614 for all their receites for their whole yeare as followeth:—

Receites.—Rec. of Matthew Noble for his whole yeare's rent, xij s.

Lairstalles.—Rec. for Georg Man lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Rec. for John Patteson lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Rec. for Robart Dun lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Rec. for Georg Martin's child lairstall, xx d. Rec. for Thomas Wright wives lairstall, iij s. iiij d. *Stalles.*—Rec. of Thomas Wright for his wives stall, iiij d. Rec. of Christofer Rowle for a stall to hime selfe, iiij d. Rec. of Thomas Crone for a stall to hime selfe, iiij d. Rec. of Raph Stephenson for a stall to hime selfe, iiij d. Rec. of Rowland Norrish for a stall to hime selfe, iiij d. Rec. of Thomas Walker for George Man stall for hime selfe, iiij d.—Rec. of the Churchwardens of Croxdaile, ij s. vj d. Rec. of John Fisher for Richard Archer wives stall, iiij d. *Somme rec^d^*, xxxj s. vj d.

3 Julii 1614.

Rec. by us John Fisher and Isaacke Pilkington beinge churchwardens the last daie of our accoumpt of Mr Thomas Swinborne ij s. for one stall belonginge to Wedow Claxton for which stall Mr Swinborne did satisfie Wedow Claxton for her interest therein.[1]

The disbursementes of Isaacke Pilkington, John Fisher, John Smyth, Georg Rawlinge, Churchwardens of St Oswoldes in Durham, from the vj^th^ daie of Aprill 1613 untill the xxvj^th^ daie of Aprill 1614, for their whole yeare as followeth:

Item paide for mendinge a bell rope with leather, iiij d. P^d^ for dressinge the leades, iiij d. P^d^ to John Sim, sagerston, for his whole yeare's wages, iiij s. P^d^ for weshinge the Church cloes, vj s. P^d^ to Thomas Kinge att me Lordes vesetatyon holden the xxij^th^ of Jun. 1613 for the booke of articles and other fees, iij s. vj d. P^d^ the same daie for the old churchwardens and the new churchwardens, the assistance, the curatt, and clerke, for their dinners, v s. P^d^ for craminge[2] our church leades with iron, viij d. P^d^ to William Smart for mendinge the glasse windowes in our church, vj s. viij d. P^d^ for a laborer for one daie for helpinge the glasear, vj d. P^d^ the vth of October 1613 for answeringe att the seene the same daie for our dinners, xx d. P^d^ for fower faddome of small cord for the bell impes, viij d. P^d^ for nailes to the leades, v d. P^d^ to Cuthbart Hodgson for mendinge the leedes, iij s. iiij d. P^d^ for a pound and a half of sowder to Cuthbart Hodgson, ij s. vj d. P^d^ to a laborer for fower daies for the said worke, ij s. P^d^ for bread and drinke for 4 daies to Cuthbart Hodgson and his laborer, viij d. P^d^ for a secke of coles for hetinge the plummer's irons with, iij d. P^d^ for a new spade iron and the shell to yt for our church, xiiij d. P^d^ for mendinge the old spade iron, j d. P^d^ to the Deane and Chapter for the rent of the

(1) It thus appears that the owners of pews had by this time come to have a recognised permanent right in them, for the yielding up of which they could claim compensation. Pews were regarded as a sort of leasehold property. Instances of the sale of stalls, so as to involve such right, will be found in the year succeeding this.

(2) '*Crame*, to mend by uniting; as joining broken china, or wooden bowls.'—Brockett. In the disbursements below, for 1614-15, we find: 'P^d^ for iron crames for the church coffins'; where 'crames' may be taken to mean cramps of iron for holding the wood together. Also, in the same year, 'for the craminge of the church showle.'

church houses, xij d. P[d] to the clarke for wrytinge the communicantes and other accoumptes, ij s. viij d. P[d] for 27 faddome of greate rope for two bell ropes at iiij d. a faddome, viij s. ij d. P[d] to M[r] Thomas Kinge for the booke of Jewell and Hardinge,[1] xx s. P[d] for bostinge and glaspinge our Communion booke, ij s. P[d] for inke and paper for this yeare, vj d. P[d] for 4 quartes of wine att Michaelmes to a communion att 8 d. a quart, ij s. viij d. P[d] for 8 quartes of wine and one pynt att Chrissenmes to a communion att 8 d. a quart, v s. viij d. P[d] for xxxiij quartes of wine att 8 d. a quart for the greate and generall Communion att Easter in 1614, xxij s. P[d] for bread for the whole yeare for the Communion, xij d. P[d] for fellinge a tree for a yeate in our church yard and for bringinge home the saide wood for the yeate, for wallinge of yt and for workmanshipp, for makinge the yeate and settinge of yt, viij s. iiij d. P[d] for 2 stapples and one hespe to the yeate, iiij d. P[d] for a locke and a kee to the saide yeate, vj d. *Somme disbursed*, v l. vij s. v d. xxij[th] Maij, 1614.

This accoumpt past and allowed the daie and yeare above wryttin betweene the churchwardens of S[t] Oswoldes and the churchwardens of S[t] Margarettes in the presentes of those whose names are under wryttin.

Tho. Swinburne, Geo. Martyn, Robert Cooper, John Fysher, William Sheraton, Jo. Richardson, Rob'te Dearham, John Robinson, Christofer Robinson.

[*From the end of the book.*]

[AUGUSTI 27, 1613. Memorand. Receyved of M[r] Thomas King for the leviing of sundry cesments for sundry yeres of halfe the lands of Bearpark liing in the parish of S[t] Oswold's in Durham, being sessed at viij l. xiiij s. iiij d.: viz. a cesment lade May 28, 1609, of xij d. per l.: also a cesment lade March vij[th] 1609, of ij s. per l.: also a cesment lade March 22, 1611, at iij d. per l.: all which thre severall cesments amounting to the summe of xxviij s. iij d., as appeareth both by the rowels wherein the cesments be lade, as also the acquittance remaining with M[r] Thomas King for the receyte thereof. In witnesse whereof we have subscribed our names the day and yere above written.—Isaack Pilkington, George Rawlyn, John

(1) See Pittington Book, A.D. 1613, p. 66, note (1). From a subsequent entry, A.D. 1617–8, it appears that at St. Oswald's the book was placed for perusal on a desk of iron.

Fisher, John X Smith, Churchwardens of S[t] Oswold's in Durham.]

The accoumpt of John Fisher, William Sheroton, Matthew Short, Phillip Foster, churchwardens of S[t] Oswoldes in Durham, from the xxvj[th] daie of Aprill 1614 untill the xj[th] daie of Aprill 1615 for their whole yeare, as followeth:

Receites.—Rec. of Matthew Noble for the rent of our church houses for his Whitsondaie rent in 1614, and for his Martinmesse rent in 1614, xij s. *Lairstals.* Rec. for Ann Man her lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Rec. for John Richardson childes lairstall, xx d. Rec. for John Richardson lairstall, iij s. iiij d. Rec. for wedow Claxton lairstall, iij s. iiij d.

Stalles.[1]—Rec. of M[r] Thomas Swinborne, Esquire, for his stall rome which was paide the iiij[th] daie of Maij 1614, which said stall M[r] Thomas Swinborne did build upp of his owne proper cost and charges, ij s. Rec. of M[r] Robert Hilyard for the halfe part of the portch[2] in the North Allye, which part M[r] Hilyard did new build of his owne cost and charges, ij s. Rec. of M[r] Raph Maddeson Esquire for two stals beinge the third and fourth stall in the North Allye, which the churchwardens builded for the use of the church, x s.

[The following memorandum has been added in the year 1624.] One of which stalles, being the fourth stall, M[r] Ralfe Maddeson did assigne give and set over to Nicholas Petifer, being then churchwarden in the year of our Lord God 1624, the second of Aprill, to him and his house for ever.

Churchwardens this yeare, 1624, Christopher X Hutchison; Rob. Barwick, John X Farless, Christopher X Wann. Witnesses hereof.

Rec. of Phillip Foster for the sixt stall in the North Allye for him and his houshold, iij s. x d. Rec. of William Sheroton, John Stobbes, and Francis Thompson for the 7 stall in the

(1) The whole of the north aisle appears to have been for the first time filled with pews this year, one, occupying half of what was called the *portch* in that aisle, being built by Mr. Hilyard at his own charge, and the rest by the churchwardens, to be sold by them for the use of families. The erection of these pews by the churchwardens appears in the disbursements of this year. The supposed right in pews thus purchased of the churchwardens, however really illegal, appears markedly from the memorandum, added in 1624, about one of the stalls which had been sold to Mr. Maddeson, and was by him made over in 1624 to Mr. Petifer and his house for ever. No faculties appear at this date to have been applied for.

(2) For meaning of 'portch,' see above, p. 150, note (2).

North Allye, iiij s. Rec. of Robert Farro for the 8 stall in the North Allye for hime selfe and his wife, and for Christofor Hucheson wife, iij s. viij d. Rec. of Mr John Heethe Esquire for the 9 stall in the North Allye for hime selfe and his wife and his houshold, iij s. iiij d. (which saide stall Mr Heeth did by of Richard Whitfeild, and paide for yt iiij s.). Rec. of George Stephenson for two romes in the 10 stall in the North Allye for hime selfe and his wife, ij s. Rec. of Thomas Atkinson for the 11 stall in the North Allye beinge the next stall above the church dore for his wife and for his houshold, ij s. Rec. of James Skirfeild for Richard Whitfeildes stall, where he satt before in the myddle allye one the South side, iiij d.

[The following has been added in the year 1625.] Rec. of John Bradley for halfe of the 7 stall with John Hobbes, beinge sould to him by John Stobbs the 13th of March 1625, by us the churchwardens, Christopher Wann, John Farlesse, Robert Barwick, and Raiphe Steell.

Rec. of Phillip White for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Thomas Cuthbert for his wives stall, iiij d. Rec. of Ambrose Coates for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Edward Short for a stall for hime selfe, iiij. d. Rec. of Robert Wright and his stall fellowes for one rome for inlarginge of their rome before the pulpitt, iiij d. Rec. of Robert Cooper for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Thomas Hall for his stall, iiij d. Rec. of Thomas Man for his mother's stall, iiij d. Rec. of William Sheroton for his wives stall, beinge a rome in the second stall next to the Clarkes stall, iiij d. Rec. of John Lambe for Roger Hucheson stall, iiij d.

Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdaile for their Chappelrie, ij s. vj d. *Summa*, iij l. j s. viij d.

The disbursmentes of John Fisher, William Sheroton, Matthew Short, and Phillip Foster, Churchwardins of St Oswoldes in Durham from the xxvjth daie of Aprill 1614 untill the xjth daie of Aprill 1615 for their whole yeare, as followeth.

Paid att Whitsondaie last past in 1614, when our Churchwardins was sworne before Mr Hutton, for fees, xxij d. Pd the same daie for the olde and new churchwardins for their charges the same daie, iij s. vj d. Pd to John Sim, sagerston, for his whole yeares wages, and for tollinge the sermonde bell, and for attendinge other necessarie besines about our church, viij s. Pd for inke and paper for this yeare, iiij d. Pd for the mendinge of the table for the orders of our church, ij d. Pd for mendinge the church dore locke, viij d. Pd for a showle and the iron to

the shell for our church, ix d. Pd to the sagerston for weshinge the church clothes, vj d. Pd to the sagerston for dressinge the leades, iiij d. Pd to Mr Hutton att Michaelmes last past att his vesetation for fees, xvj d. Pd for the churchwardins' charges that daie, ij s. Pd for wrytinge two presentmentes, viij d. Pd for makinge of new glasse and for mendinge holes in the glasse windowes, viij s. Pd for mendinge two surpclothes for the minister and clarke, viij d. Pd for lyme for the church windowes, ij d. Pd to a workman for workinge certaine worke about our church which was nedfull, x d. Pd for a rope for bell impes, xvj d. Pd for one howre glasse for the precher, vj d. Pd for makinge a deske for the pulpitt, xij d. Pd for the rent of the church houses to the Deane and Chapter, xij d. Pd for a mapp:[1] for the pulpitt, iiij d. Pd to Thomas Atkinson for wrytinge the names of the communicantes, viij d. Pd for wedginge the lytle bell whele, ij d. Pd the xxiijth daie of December 1614 when we were charged to be before the Justices for articles, xiiij d. Pd for the churchwardins and assistance for their charges the same daie, iij s. Pd for mendinge the bell wheele and for makinge the coffins[2] for to bringe the dead

(1) What is meant by a mapp:? *Mappa* means properly a napkin. Was it a pulpit cloth, or a napkin for the use of preachers?

(2) It appears to have been usual to have parish coffins for the burial of the poor. They would be used for carrying the corpse to the church and to the grave, where it would be interred uncoffined. The direction of the rubric to cast earth on 'the body,' not on the coffin, is held to be thus accounted for. When the Yorkshire Architectural Society visited Howden in Yorkshire, August 25, 1885, a parish coffin of oak was found there, still preserved, though dilapidated. It was of the usual coffin shape, but with the ends made for a coped lid. On it was the date 1664, and 'R. Y.' On one end was an iron ring. I am informed that at Easingwold, also, a parish coffin remains. There may be other instances, though undoubtedly rare. Such coffins would not be likely to be preserved when their use had gone out. The following entries in the 'Leverton Churchwardens' Accounts' (*Archæologia*, xli. 333–370), are illustrative. '1524. Recevyd of Alyce the wyff of John Pychyll for the legacye of Thomas Hardye hyr son to ye chyrche warke (&c.) iiij s. x d. Recevyd of ye said Alyce Pychyll for a cheste yt he was buryed in, xx d.' Here the 'cheste,' or coffin, in which the man was buried appears to have been contrary to the usual custom. Also: '1537. To Thomas Carter for helpeing of the keystes in the churche for to bere [*bear*?] folk in . . . ij d.' This entry implies that several 'chestes,' or coffins, probably of different sizes, were kept in the church for carrying people to the grave in. Hearne says that burial without coffins was common about 1661, except in the cases of persons of rank.—*Reliq. Hearnianæ*, ii. 534. An amusing evidence of the old custom of burying bodies uncoffined

corpes to the church in, ij s. Pd for bordes for the same, xx d. Pd for bread and drinke for the workmen att that tyme, iiij d. Pd for showlinge a waie in the snow for cominge to our church, and for castinge of snow of the church leedes, viij d. Pd for mendinge the myddle bell rope, vj d. Pd for makinge and settinge upp the windowes in the steple for the saiffe kepinge of our bels, viij s. Pd for drinkes to the workmen att that tyme, vj d. Pd to Christofor Hucheson for his intrest that he had to a stall next above the church dore, iiij d. Pd for makinge of new stalles and for mendinge of old stals to two workmen that wrought the said worke for xxtie daies, xx d. a daie for their wages, xxxiij s. iiij d. Pd for drinkes to the workmen for xxtie daies, iij s. iiij d. Pd to a laborer for three daies for dressinge forth rubbish out of the church, and for other helpe, xviij d. Pd for the laborer drinke 3 daies, iij d. Pd for tressinge upp the great bell, viij d. Pd for lyme for the use of the church, iiij d. Pd for 9 paire of bandes for the new stals, iij s. Pd for makinge two holes in stones for the sclotes goinge in our church dore, iiij d. Pd for nailes and spikinges for our new stals and for the church dore and for the bels, v s. viij d. Pd for a new hacke to our church, ij s. vj d. Pd for lytle nailes to the coffins, ij d. Pd for nailes more for the windowes in the steples, iij s. x d. Pd for 4 stapples for the bels and for the church dore, iiij d. Pd for 4 iron clapsles for the windowes in the steple, xvj d. Pd for iron crames for the

appears in 'The Return from Parnassus,' Part I., one of three plays acted in St. John's College, Cambridge, A.D. 1597–1601, and recently edited from MSS. by the Rev. W. D. Macray (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1886). *Perceval*, a country fellow, thus addresses *Philomusus*, a Cambridge scholar, who for want of other employment had been compelled to accept the office of clerk and sexton of a parish: 'Nowe, good man Sexton, I sende our maide Johne to youe even now to bid you toll for my good ould father, that God hath taken full sore againste my will, and I pray you, good man Sexton, make him a good large grave, that he may lie easilie; he coulde never abide to be crouded in his life time, and therefore he was wonte to chide with a good oulde woman my mother for takinge toe muche roome in the bed, more than was fit for a woman of her condition and place. I will see him as well as I can brought to his grave honestlie; he shall have a faire coverlet over him, and lie in a good flaxon sheete, and youe and the reste of my good neighbours shall have breade and cheese enoughe. And I pray youe, good man Sexton, laye twoo or three good thick clods under his heade, for I'll tell youe, of a cuntrie fellow he was as squemish in his bed as ye woulde wonder at, he coulde not abide to lie lowe, insomuche that he was wonte to put his lether breeches and his cotton dublet under his boulster' (Act ii. Sc. 1).

church coffins, viij d. P[d] for the craminge of the church showle, j d. P[d] for mendinge the head of a pottell pott that came from M[r] Deram's with wine now att Easter, iiij d. P[d] for xlvj quartes of wine att 8 d. everie quart for the communions for all this whole yeare, xxx s. viij d. P[d] for breade for the whole yeare for the communions, xxiij d. P[d] to Robart Maland for one payre of iron bandes for the weckitt of our church dore, and for makinge one new sclott and mendinge one old for our church dore, ij s. iiij d. *Somme*, vij l. vij s. vj d. VII[th] MAIJ 1615. This accoumpt past and allowed the daie and yeare above wryttin betwene the churchwardins of S[t] Oswoldes and the churchwardins of S[t] Margarettes in the presentes of those whose names are under wryttin.

Tho. Swinburne, Ro. Hyldyarde, John Lambton, William Sheroton, James Skirfeild X marke, Robert Dearham, Nycholas Hucheson, Thomas Cuthbert.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF 1615–16, AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.[1]

From xj April 1615 to ij April 1616: William Sheraton, Thomas Cuthbert, James Skirfeild, David Mainsforth, Churchwardens.

Receipts.—Rec. of John Farro for one stall belonginge to Houghell, xij d. Rec. of Christofor Rowle for one stall rome for his wife, beinge in the 6 stall above the middle alle, iiij d. Rec. of Hugh Boyer for a stall for his wife, beinge a rome in the same stall with Ellinor Wright, iiij d. Rec. of James Stoddert for his stall rome in the second stall next to the polpitt, iiij d. *Somme rec.*, xxxix s. vj d.

(1) It has not been thought necessary to print in full the accounts of all succeeding years. Such entries as represent only ordinary receipts and expenditure, recurring year by year, are now omitted, as throwing no further light on the history of the parish and the state of things. Among these are the customary receipts for stalls and lairstalls (which continue till 1728), except in cases where there is some peculiarity about them. Similarly, among the disbursements, those for ordinary parochial expenses, which are in no way noteworthy, and payments to the clerk (which continue annually till 1644) for writing the names of the Communicants. All disbursements in connection with the bells are, however, still given till 1628, the continued attention they seem to have required, in this as well as other parishes, being remarkable. Also all that relate to Communions, and to the action of the Courts.

Disbursements.—Pd for fees att the sene after Easter 1615 to Mr Edward Hutton, xxij d. Pd to John Sim, sagerston, for his whole yeare's wages, and for tollinge the sermond bell, and for attendinge other necessarie besines about our church, viij s. Pd to Mr Edward Hutton for fees the 3 of October 1615, xvj d. Pd for the churchwardins assistance and the curatt charges for their dinners that daie, iij s. vj d. Pd for two bell ropes for our bels and for puttinge them to the bels, ix s. Pd for xlvjtie quartes of wine for all the whole yeare for 3 severall generall communions, whereof x quartes of the same wine beinge att 8 d. per quart and the xxxvj att vj d. per quart, xxiiij s. viij d. Pd for bread for the whole yeare, xviij d. Pd for wedginge the bell and mendinge the bell tounge, xij d. Pd for mendinge a bald rope to George Foster, sadler, ix d. Pd for wrytinge two presentmentes, viij d. Pd for bell impes, xij d. *Summe*, iij l. iij s. v d.

From ij April 1616 to xxij April 1617: James Skirfeild, Francis Thompson, Thomas Graie, William Wilkinson (for Shinckliffe), Churchwardens.

Receits, xlv s. ij d.

Disbursements.—Paide att William Sheroton's house att the seene daie after Easter 1616 for the old churchwardins and new churchwardins and assistances for their dinners for alevine men, v s. vj d. Pd for drawinge a presentment accordinge to the answere of the booke of articles, vj d. Pd for the churchwardins' dinners and the assistance curatt and clarke att me Lordes vesetatyon last past, iiij s. Pd for the booke of articles and other fees att me Lordes vesetatyion, iij s. vj d. Pd to James Skirfeild for mendinge stals in our church, xij d. Pd to Thomas Pearson for mendinge the greate bell tounge, vj s. (Pd to ringgers the vj of August 1616 [*erased*].) Pd to John Sim for two daies labor about the wellinge and helpinge Thomas Pearson, xij d. Pd for mendinge the bell ropes, viij d. Pd to John March for makinge the bald rope for the greate bell, ij s. vj d. Pd to Georg Foster for mendinge a bald rope, vj d. Pd for makinge a new pulley to Christofer Foster, xxj d. Pd for ekinge two bell ropes to Emond Smyth, ropemaker, iiij s. viij d. Pd for mendinge the clarke's surpcloth, iiij d. Pd to Clement Farro for two fox heades beinge kild within our parish, ij s. Pd for ltie quartes of wine for all the whole yeare for fower generall communions this last yeare att vj d. a quart, xxv s. Pd for

bread for the whole yeare, xviij d. Pd to Georg Foster for makinge a new bald rope for our mydle bell, ij s. vj d. Pd for bell impes, xij d. *Somme disbursed*, iij l. xiij s. vij d.

Rec. of St Margarette's for their part, xiij s. iij d.

From xxij April 1617 to vij April 1618: Thomas Bainbrigg Esquire, Francis Thompson, William Bell, Robert Martyn, churchwardens.

Receits, xxj s. x d.

Disbursements.—Pd to John Sim for mendinge the bald ropes, viij d. Pd for candles the vth of November 1617, ij d. Pd for mendinge the great bell bald rope, xx d. Pd to Mr Hutton for his fee att Michaelmes 1617 att the seene, xvj d. Pd for the churchwardins' dinners and the assistance the same daie, iiij s. Pd for makinge two new pullies for our bels, iij s. vj d. Pd for one bushell of lyme and for a laborer wages when the glasse windowes was mendid, xij d. Pd for mendinge the church windowes with new glasse and for settinge the old glasse of the said windowes in new leade, xlvj s. vij d. Pd for charges for William Hilton, William Smart, Roland Norrish, Christofor Foster, when they vewed the decaies of our church one halfe daie, ij s. vj d. Pd for fifty and one quartes of wine and one pynt for the communions for the whole yeare att 8 d. per quart, xxxiiij s. iiij d. Pd for bread for the whole yeare for communyons, xxij d. Pd for x yards and a halfe of lyninge cloth for the minister's surpcloth att xxij d. a yard, xix s. ij d. Pd for makinge the said surpcloth, vj s. Pd for the churchwardins' dinners and the assistance att Easter 1617, v s. iiij d. Pd for a deske of iron for our booke of Jewell and Hardinge, vj s. *Summa*, vij l. iij s. xj d.

From vij April 1618 to xxx March 1619: John Kytchine, John Englebie, churchwardens.

Receipts, xxij s. ij d.

Disbursements.—Paid to Mr Edward Hutton for his fee and for articles att the seene daie after Easter 1618, ij s. iiij d. Pd for mendinge a bald rope, ij s. Pd for the churchwardins' dinners att the seene daie after Easter 1618, for the new churchwardins and the old, iiij s. Pd for two fother of lyme to our curch, xij s. Pd for carryinge of water and for sleckinge the said lyme, viij d. Pd for bread and drinke to the wainmen that brought the lyme, viij d. Pd for bell impes, ij s. viij d. Pd for ekinge a bell rope beinge six

faddome to Raph Clarke, iij s. Pd for the churchwardins' dinners att me Lordes vesytacion, iiij s. Pd to the ringgers when me Lord of Durham came from London last to Durham, and for ringinge the vesytatyon daie att his Lordshippes vesytacyon holdine att St Oswold's church,[1] iij s. iiij d. Pd for candles the vth of November 1618, ij d. Pd for mendinge one iron band for our church dore, xij d. Pd for the churchwardins' dinners about Martinmesse 1618 beinge commanded to be att Hutton court that daie, ij s. Pd for charges when Cuthbert Hodgson vewed the leades and for carryinge the ledders to the decaies in the said leades, iiij d. Pd for makinge upp the wall and yeate att our fore church stile and iron and nailes to yt, iij s. iiij d. Pd for a new showle to our church for makinge the graves, vj d. Pd for mendinge a bell rope with hempe and ledder, ij d. Pd for a fox heade being kild at Brome to Bartram Home, xij d. Pd for fower pewther flaggins and two pewther bottels, two of the said flaggins doth hold gallons a pece and other two pottels a pece, the one bottell doth hold one quart, the other one pynt, xxxviij s. Pd for mendinge a glasse window to William Smart, xiiij d. Pd for xliiijtie quartes of wine for the communions for the whole yeare, whereof tenn quartes att 8 d. a quart and the rest att vj d. a quart, xxiij s. viij d. Pd for bread to the communions for the whole yeare, xviij d.—*Somme disbursed*, v l. xvj s.

Paid by St. Margarettes, xlvj s. xj d.

From xxx March 1619 to xviij April 1620: Thomas Swinburne Esquire, Richard Whitfeild, Thomas Man, Sampson Hopper, churchwardins.

Receipts, xvj s. vj d.

Disbursements.—Paid to Mr Edward Hutton for articles and other fees att Easter 1619, xxij d. Pd for the churchwardins curatt and assistance dinners the same daie, v s. Pd for mendinge the bell stocke and for nailes and workmanshipp, xviij d. Pd for articles November last 1619, xxij d. Pd for mendinge the locke of our church dore, vj d. Pd for a service booke for the clark, iiij s. Pd for mendinge the pullies for the bell ropes, viij d. Pd for a new bell rope, v s. ij d. Pd for our charges for their dinners about Martinmesse last past attendinge att the court, ij s. Pd to Christofor Forster for makinge our myddle bell wheele new and for fyndinge wodd and nailes

(1) The primary visitation of Bishop Neile (acc. 1617).

and workemanshipp to yt, vij s. iiij d. P^d for a laborer to helpe upp and downe with the said wheele and about the same, vj d. P^d for a bell impe, iij d. P^d for xlj^tie quartes of wine and one pynt for the communions for the whole yeare ending att Easter last att 8 d. per quart, xxvij s. viij d. P^d for holye brede [1] for the whole yeare for the Communion, xviij d. P^d for two fox heades, ij s. P^d for mendinge one bell stock, vj d. P^d for mendinge one other pully, vj d. *Somme disbursed*, iij l. x s. iij d.

Whereof the Churchwardins of the chappelrie of St Margarette's have paide the somme of xxvj s. x d. ob. for their moyetie.

Mem. that wheras in the last yeare's accoumpt, 1619, their was paide for glasse iiij s. more then the said glasse came to, as by Edward Hodgson note will appeare, therfore the churchwardins of St Margarettes ar to be allowed ij s. of the said iiij s. in this accoumpt, which ij s. the churchwardins of St Margarettes doth rest in their handes.

From Easter 1620 to Easter 1621: George Forster, and William Eggleston, Churchwardens.

Receipts.—Conduct stalls.—Item received of Richard Whitfeild the fourth of May for a place att the head of the South Alley whereon he did build a stall, xij d. Item received of Mr Boick for the like the said day for a place adjoyning to the said stall whereon he builded another stall, xij d. Rec. of John Farles for a stall before the pulpitt which was Nicholas Pettefer stall which he gave over when he toke his other stall the ij^th of Julij 1624. [N.B.—The last entry has been added afterwards, in a different hand.] *Summa totalis*, xxx s. vj d.

Disbursements.—Imprimis the xxv^th of Aprill 1620, the old and new Churchwardens' dinners, v s. Item the xxx^th of October 1620 for the curate and churchwardens' dinners, vj s. viij d. Item the same day for Mr Hutton's fee, vj s. viij d. Item att our first meting att Chester before the Justices to give in our presentmentes, our charges that day, iiij s. Item more att Chester the xiiij^th of November one of the churchwardens' charges, xviij d. Item p^d for iron bands to hang the middle bell in, and for mending our church ack to John Fariles, iiij s. vj d. Item paid for a bawdrick for the bell tongue to hang in, vj d. Item for George Forster's charges att Chester being

(1) As to this term, see Pittington Book, p. 100, note (1).

churchwarden when he did present there before the Justices, ij s. vj d. Item for one and fourtie quartes of wine for the whole yeare for the holy Communion att eight pence the quart, xxvij s. iiij d. Item for bread for the holy Communion for the whole yeare, xij d. Item for making the presentments of absences for the whole yeare, ij s. *Somme*, 3 l. 18 s. 2 d.

Rec. of Robert Pearson, churchwarden of the Chappelrie of St Margaretes for their part or moyetie the some of xxiij s. x d.

From Easter 1621 to Easter 1622: William Snaith, Charles Hall, Peter Wright, Raphe Steele, Churchwardens.

Receipts.—Conduct stalls.—Item rec. of Georg Thompson for a seate for his wiffe, iiij d. Item rec. of Mr Barker for a stall behinde the pulpitt, iiij d. Item rec. for the iron pulpitt, vj s.[1] Mem. that Mr Georg Martine did sett a new pulpitt of his owne charg in rome of itt, and haith the stall where itt stood allotted to his owne stall to enlarge itt in regard hereof.

Rec. more of the prebendes in contribution, iiij l. *Summa totalis*, v l. vij s. x d.

Disbursements.—Inprimis p^d^ for a booke of articles the xth of Aprill 1622 to Mr Hutton, ij s. iiij d. Item p^d^ the same day to Ingram Maugham, iiij d. Item p^d^ more the same day for Mr Hutton's fees, j s. x d. Item p^d^ att the Bishopp's visitacion to Dr Craddock's man for fees, iij s. Item p^d^ the same day for the curate and churchwardens' dinners, vj s. Item p^d^ to the ringers the vth of August 1622, iij s. iiij d. Item p^d^ to the ringers att the Bishopp's visitation the xiiij^th^ August, iij s. 4 d. Item p^d^ to the ringers the fifte of November 1621, iij s. iiij d. Item p^d^ to the ringers the xxiiij^th^ of March 1621, iij s. iiij d. P^d^ more to Mr Hutton the xxij^th^ November 1621 att the Deane and Chapter's visitation, ij s. Item more for the churchwardens' dinners the same day, iij s. Item p^d^ to John Sim for mending the baudrick, iiij d. Item p^d^ for a rope to the little bell, xvj d. Item p^d^ for one of the churchwardens dinner and horse hire att the quarter meting att Chester, being to attend the Justices, j s. iiij d. Item p^d^ for festning a bell in the stocke, vj d. Item for mending one bell rope, vj d. For

(1) There was anciently an iron pulpit also in the Galilee of the cathedral. 'Adjoining to the bottom of the great window at the West end of the Galiley was a fine iron pulpit, with iron rails to support the monks in going up, of whom one did preach every holiday and Sunday at one o'clock in the afternoon.' (*The Antiquities of Durham Abbey*, p. 49.)

absolucion fees to Doctor Cradocke, iiij s. vj d. Item for the curate, churchwardens old and new with the sidemen for our dinners att our goeing oute, vj s. x d. Item p^{d} for bread for the whole yeare for the holy Communion, xx d. Item p^{d} for wine for the last yeare 1621, fiftie seaven quartes and one pinte for the whole yeare, xxxij s. viij d. Item p^{d} for the wood to the wrightes, choosing, cutting, squaring, and loding, being for the use of the church, lvij s. Item for our owne dinners and the wrightes the same day that itt was brought home, ij s. vj d. Item p^{d} to Mr Georg Walton for topp and barke that would nott goe, xiij s. iiij d. Item for the leding home of the wood from Bearparke, ij l. x s. iiij d. Item on the workmen that Mr Deane sent to vewe the church, in drinke, xij d. Item p^{d} for a warrant for cutting the wood to Robert King, vj d.

The whole some disbursed is	10 l.	19 s.	8 d.
The whole receits is . .	5 l.	12 s.	10 d.
Resteth to paie	5	6	10

The moyetie of this, five pounds six shillings ten pence, paid by the Churchwardens of St Margaretes.

From Easter 1622 to Easter 1623.—The accomptes of John Lambton, gent., and Christofer Hutchinson.

Receipts.—Item rec. for thre stone of old iron for the clock, iiij s. Item rec. for the Orgaine pipes of Nicholas Mann, xj s.[1] *Somme*, xljx s. x d.

Disbursements.—Item to Mr Hutton for a booke of articles, ij s. iiij d. Item the fifte of August to the ringers, ij s. Item p^{d} to Mr Hutton, xx d. Item the same day to Ingram Maugham, iiij d. Item the same day for the Vicar and churchwardens' dinners, iij s. Item p^{d} for two bell ropes to Thomas Carr, viij s. Item p^{d} to the ringers the fifte of November anno 1622, ij s. Item to Richard Hodshon for taking downe of the

(1) There being no entries of disbursement for new organ pipes, it may be supposed that the organ was now disused. Cf. below, A.D. 1632: 'For five yardes and a halfe of square sealing (*ceiling*) to the orgaine frame'; from which it would seem that the *frame* only of the organ remained, and that it was covered with a ceiling for the sake of decent appearance. Other signs of puritanical tendencies at this period may perhaps be detected in the 'sermonde bell' (probably for a sermon apart from the regular services), first mentioned A.D. 1614–15, and for tolling which the sexton received extra payment; and in the hourglass, provided in the same year.

clock and making a doore, x d. Item to John Lumley for making upp a wall and flagging about the bells floore for five dayes att x d. per diem, iiij s. ij d. Item to a laborour for five dayes about the said worke att vj d. per diem, ij s. vj d. Item to Richard Hodshon for five dayes worke att x d. per diem, iiij s. ij d. Item to John Sym, laborer, about the said worke for five dayes, ij s. vj d. Item for bandes, crookes, and nailes for the doore to Christofer Liddell, xiiij d. Item for a locke, key, and stapple for the doore, x d. Item for mending the bell stringes and wedging the middle bell, vj d. Item to the ringers the xxiiijth of March 1622 ij s. Item to George Dunn for mending the yate and our part of the church wall, xiiij d. Item p^{d} for bread for the Communion, iiij d. Item p^{d} to John Sym for mending a bell rope, vj d. Item for wine for the whole yeare for xlvij quartes and one pynt att viij d. the quart, xxxj s. viij d. Item for bread for the Communion, xviij d. Item for flagges for the bell house, vj s. viij d. Item for workmanshipp for laying the flagges, v s. vj d. Item to a laborer about the said worke fower dayes for carying sand and other helpe, ij s. Item two stapples and one hespe, vj d. *Some disbursed*, iiij l. xix s. ix d.

xxvth *Maij* 1623.—This accoumpt past and allowed betwene the churchwardins of St Oswoldes and the churchwardins of St Margarettes, wherof the moyetie for St Margarettes for their halfe to paie for their part, the vi s. to be deducted for ringinge (in regard the Chappelrie of St Margarettes did send their ringers, which is to be done no more hearafter), is xxij s. Which said somme is paid to the churchwardins of St Oswoldes the daie and yeare above said.

From Easter 1623 to Easter 1624.—Christofer Hucheson, Nicholas Petifer, churchwardens.

Receipts.—Somme is xxvj s. x d.

Disbursements.—Payde the sean day after Easter 1623 for fees, ij s. P^{d} the same day for the churchwardens' diners and curates and clarke, v s. P^{d} for drinck given to the churchwardens of St Margretes upon our accounting day, ij s. (*This is disallowed as never formerly allowed or required.*) At the October seen to Mr Brown and the Court, xxij d. For the curat and churchwardens' diners that seen day, v s. For writting our presentment, vj d. For impes to the bellropes,

iij d. P^d^ to the ringers at the prince's return from Spayne,[1] xx d. P^d^ to the ringers the fift of Agust, iij s. iiij d. P^d^ to the ringers the fift of November, iij s. iiij d. P^d^ to the ringers the xxiiij^th^ of March, 1623, iij s. iiij d. For mending the book of common prayers to John Dooper, iiij d. For mending the bell stox, the baldrick, and a belrope, xviij d. For making the churchyard wall, xij d. P^d^ for fortie seven quartes of wine for the Communion for the wholl year ending the xvj^th^ of May 1624, wherof viij quarts at viij d. the quart and the rest being xxxix quarts at vij d. the quart, xxviij s. j d. P^d^ for bread for the whol year for the communion, xvij d. *Som disbursed is* 3 l. 13 s. 4 d.

The receiptes for this year 1623 *is* 1 l. 6 s. 10 d. *The moyetie for St Margret's to pay is* 1 l. 3 s. 3 d.

From Easter 1624 to Easter 1625.—Christopher Wann, John Farles, and Robert Barwicke, Churchwardens.

Receipts.—Sum, xxvij s. x d.

Disbursements.—Inprimis for the churchwardens' dinners the seane day after Easter, vj s. Item for fees the same day, ij s. iiij d. Item for mendinge 3 bell bawdryes, xviij d. Item for artickles from the Justices, viij d. Item for writeinge a presentment upon the same, vj d. Item for ringing when the Bishop came, xviij d. Item to John Sim for two dayes workeinge and caryeinge tymber for rayesinge the belles in the stockes, xij d. For nayles and other irones, xviij d. Item for tymber and workinge, xij d. Item to the ringers the 5th of August, iij s. iiij d. Item for mendinge the belstringes with lapinge, xij d. Item for a spade shell and iron, xv d. Item for a shouliron, vj d. Item at the Bishop's visitation to Docter Craddockes man for the booke of artickles, iij s. vj d. Item the same day for the churchwardens' dinners, v s. Item for a presentment wryteinge, vj d. Item to the ringers the 5th of November, iij s. iiij d. Item to Mr Browne at the visitation, xxij d. Item for the churchwardens' dinners the same daye, v s. Item spent when the decayes of our church was vewed, ij s. vj d. Item for 3 belstringes impes, x d. Item the 24th of March to the ringers, iij s. iiij d. Item to the ringers when Prince Charles was proclamed kinge,[2] xviij d. Item to John Sim,

(1) The return of Prince Charles (afterwards Charles I.) from his romantic expedition with Buckingham to Madrid for the negotiation of the projected 'Spanish match.'

(2) James I. died March 27, 1625.

ij dayes when the church was glased, xij d. Item for iron barres for the church windowes, xj s. Item for glaseinge the windowes and setinge the oulde glasse in newe lead, l s. x d. Item to John Sim for careinge and workinge lyme, vj d. Item poyntinge the windowes about with lyme, iij s. Item for saweinge j rood and a halfe and 6 yardes of timber, xiij s. Item wyne for the whole yeare beinge xliiij quartes at 8 d. per quart, xxix s. iiij d. Item for bread for the Communions, xviij d.—*Somme is*, viij l. xiiij s. iiij d.—*Receipts*, xxvij s. x d. *The moyetie*, 3 l. 13 s. 3 d.

From Easter 1625 to Easter 1626. — Christopher Wann, Joh. Farles, Robert Barwicke, and Raiphe Steel, Churchwardens.

Receipts.—Somme, xxvj s. vj d.

Disbursements.—Imprimis at the seane day after Easter the 26th Aprill for fees to Mr Hutton and artickles, ij s. iiij d. For the ould and new churchwardenes diners with their assistance, vj s. (*allowed but* 5 s.) Item to John Sim for mendinge and upholdinge 3 bells bandropes, vj d. Item wrought by Christopher Herison 15 dayes at layeinge the flowers in the belfray and stayeinge the roafe over the backe dore, xv s. Item his man saweinge timber ij dayes and a half day for the same use, xiiij s. vij d. Item wrought by Rob. Barwicke 9 dayes about the same worke, ix s. Item my man the same tyme 15 dayes, xij s. vj d. Raiph Midcalf man saweing 17 dayes and a half, xj s. viij d. Item by Christopher Wann 5 dayes, v s. Item by John Sim 9 dayes, iiij s. vj d. Item to John Farles for bord nayles beinge 3 l. iij s. Item to him for bord nayles more, ij d. Item to him for an iron chissell, xij d. Item for nayles tomake the litle bell fast in the stocke, ij d. Item spent by the workmen in after non (i.e. *afternoon*) drinkes at j d. per man a day, vij s. iij d. Item spent upon others which helped to raise the lethers (*ladders*) and other tymber, xxiij d. Item at the visitation the 4th of October for fees, j s. x d. Item for the churchwardenes and other assistance diners, v s. Item to the ringers the 5th of November, iij s. iiij d. Item for ij praier bookes for Wedensdayes,[1] ij s. iiij d. Item to John Brasse for

(1) 'A Forme of Common Prayer, together with an Order of Fasting, for the averting of God's heavy visitation upon many places of this kingdome, and for the drawing downe of his Blessings upon us, and our Armes by sea and land. The Prayers are to be read every Wednesday during this

a fox head, xij d. (*disallowed*). Item for a booke of praiers, vj d. Item for 3 belstringes impes, viij d. Item to the ringers the 27th of March, iij s. iiij d. Item in bread for the whole yeare, xvij d. Item in wyne for the whole yeare, 41 quarts, j pint, xxvij s. viij d. Item for wryteinge a presentment of all recusants, vj d.

Disbursed the somme, vij l. xv s. iij d. *Received the sum of* j l. xi s. 6 d. *Rests*, vj l. viij s. ix d. *The moyetie for St Mar: part*, iij l. iiij s. iiij d. ob.

From Easter 1626 to Easter 1627.—Nicholas Man, John Wall, Robert Barwicke, and Phillipe Foster, churchwardens.

Receipts.—Sum recd., xix s. vj d.

Disbursements.—Inprimis at the seane daye after Easter for fees, ij s. iiij d. Item for the ould and newe churchwardenes dinners, v s. Item for mendinge the belles bawdropes, xviij d. Item to Mr Hutton for fees the 10th of October, j s. x d. Item for dinners the same daye, v s. Item for 2 bookes for the fast dayes,[1] ij s. Item for tuckeinge up the surples, xij d. Item to the ringers the 5th of November, iij s. iiij d. Item for mendinge the litle bell stringe, viiij d. Item for vj yardes of linen to make the clarke a surples at 18 d. per yarde, ix s. Item for makeinge the surples, iij s. ij d. Item for ij stoll [*stool*] mattes for the Communion table, xij d. Item for 40 fott of new glasse at 5 d. per fott, and xj fott ould glasse in new lead at 3 d. per fott, and holles [*holes*] at 10 d. per duzen, xxiiij s. vj d. Item to Cuthbert Wann for lymeinge the windowes about that were glased, and other that neaded lymeinge aboute xij d. Item to Tho: Horne for a foxe head, xij d. Item for lyme and haire for lymeinge the wyndowes, viij d. Item for 30 square barres of wood for the windowes, xij d. Item to John Sim for workeinge the lyme and other worke ij dayes about the church, xij d. Item for layeinge downe the leades upon the high roufe, iij s. iiij d. Item for nayles for the same worke, iij d. Item for nayleinge lattes of the belles wheales and wedgeinge the belles stockes, xij d. Item for a stringe for the litle

Visitation, set forth by His Maiesties authority. Imprinted at London by Bonham Norton and John Bell, Printers to the King's most excelent Majestie. Anno 1625.' (*Bodleian Library.*) The occasion was a contagious malady, the most destructive, it was asserted, in the memory of man, in the first year of Charles I., which prevented his solemn entry into London with his newly-married queen.

(1) See footnote on preceding page.

bell, iiij s. Item for mendinge the Communion booke, xij d. Item for a presentment upon the articles given us, vj d. Item for bread for the whole yeare, xvj d. Item for 9 quartes of clarit wyne at 8 d. per quart, vj s. Item for 36 quartes of clarit wyne at 10 d. per quart, xxx s.

Sum disburst, vj l. vj s. vij d. *Received*, xix s. vj d. *Restat*, v l. vij s. j d. *The moyetie*, liij s. vj d. ob.

From Easter 1627 to Easter 1628.—Sammuell Hasell, gen., John Wall, Nicholas Man, and Edward Mainsforth, churchwardens.

Receipts.—Somme rec., xxxiij s. vj d.

Disbursements.—P^d^ the xxvij daie of March 1627 to the ringers iij s. iiij d. P^d^ at the sene daie after Easter 1627 for fees, ij s. iiij d. P^d^ the same daie for the old and new churchwardins' dinners, v s. P^d^ to John Sim for mendinge the bell bawd ropes, xviij d. P^d^ to the ringers when Mr Deane came from London, xij d. P^d^ for bell impes, viij d. P^d^ for mendinge the bell stockes and the bell wheles, xij d. P^d^ for wrytinge a presentment, vj d. P^d^ to the ringers the vth of November 1627, iij s. iiij d. P^d^ for candles the same daie, j d. P^d^ to Doctor Cradock, beinge cited for not repayringe our parish church, for fees, ij s. ij d. P^d^ to a solgeer by Mr Doctor Cradock's derection, xij d. P^d^ for fees at the Bishop's last vesetacion, iij s. viij d. P^d^ for our dinner the same daie, v s. P^d^ for our bell impe, iij d. P^d^ to the glaseer William Smart for 18 foote of new glasse at 5 d. per foot, vij s. vj d. P^d^ to hime for 8 foot of old glasse sett in new leade at 3 d. per foot, ij s. P^d^ to the saide glaseer for 7 dosan of holes with glasse mendinge at 10 d. per dosan, v s. x d. P^d^ to Cuthbert Wann for two daies lyminge about the church windowes, ij s. P^d^ to John Sim for 3 daies work about the church, xviij d. P^d^ for 2 seckes of lyme and haire to yt for the saide work, ij s. P^d^ for woddine barres to the church windowes, viij d. P^d^ for the turninge and mendinge of Mr Cooper stall to Henry Farro and to his man and for nailes, xxiij d. P^d^ for a new Reggester book in paper for the recordinge of Weddings, Christenings, and Buryals, iij s. v d. P^d^ to Mr Raph Hutton and Mr Tho: Bullock for fees in Lent, xxij d. P^d^ to the ringers the xxvij^th^ daie of March 1628, iij s. iiij d. P^d^ to John Bradley for iron work and helpe about the bells and the church doore, iij s. P^d^ to Robert Thompson for 2 mattes, xij d. P^d^ for a fox heade beinge kild within the parish,

xij d. P[d] for xlvij quartes of wine att 8 d. per quart for the whole yeare, xxxi s. iiij d. P[d] for bread for the Communion for the whole yeare, xv d. ob. P[d] for 3 pyntes of wine and one gill, xiiij d.—Somme disbursed, v l. xv s. ix d. ob.

xxx[th] *Maij*, 1628.—This accoumpt sene and allowed, &c. . . . wherof the moyetie for S[t] Margarettes is to paie xlj s. 1 d. ob. q. for their partes, for which the saide churchwardins of S[t] Margarettes are contented to paie to M[r] Robert Deram for the whole yeare's wine xxxij s. vj d. within tenn daies next after the daite hearof, the resedew wherof doth come to viij s. vij d. ob. q., which the saide churchwardins of S[t] Oswoldes have received in full discharge. In witnesse wherof, &c. . . .

From Easter 1628 to Easter 1629.[1]

Bells rung: 5 November, and 'the king's day (i.e. *Coronation day*) being 27 March.'

Visitations: M[r] Bullock, Easter and Michaelmas. One presentment.

Communions: 45 quarts of wine for the whole year at 8 d.; and 'more for a quart,' 8 d. *Receipts*, 19 s. 0 d. *Disbursements*, 3 l. 14 s. 5½ d. The moyetie, 1 l. 17 s. 2¾ d.

From Easter 1629 to Easter 1630.

Bells rung: When M[r] Deane came from London, 1 s.; 5 November, 3 s. 6 d.; 27 March, 3 s. 4 d.; at the prince's birth, 2 s.

Visitations, &c.: For a booke of artickles and fees at the visitation, 4 s. For writing a presentment, 6 d. To M[r] Newhouse, being called uppon proces for registring Weddings and Buryalls for 2 yeares, 2 s. 4 d. Michaelmas visitation, disbursed 1 s. 10 d. Att Easter visitation, for artikles, 2 s. 4 d.

Communions: To Tho. Atkinson and Sim for 2 pints of wine, 8 d. For wine at the Communions for the last year, 1 l. 5 s. 6 d. For 3 quarts of wine had att Easter att Tho. Thorabye's, 2 s. (N.B.—*Large expenditure this year for work about the church and leads, including the following*:—P[d] to

(1) Henceforth, till 1652, it has not been thought necessary to print the ordinary entries of payments for the bells, repairs of the church, &c., but only those of the days on which the bells were rung, of the visitations and presentments, of the number of Communions (where specified) in each year, the quantity of wine procured, and other entries of any peculiar interest.

Wilfry Lambe as by the particulers may appear, 12 l. 1 s. 10 d. P[d] to Ro. Barwick and Wm. Farrow for sawing wood for 14 dayes, 1 l. 2 s. 0 d.)

Receipts: 1 l. 5 s. 4 d. *Disbursements*: 28 l. 4 s. 8½ d. *The Moyetie for S[t] Margeret's* (the receyts being deducted and 3 s. mor for 3 fox heads which they deny to pay), 13 l. 8 s. 2¼ d.

From Easter 1630 to Easter 1631.

Bells rung: At the Bishopp's going in his visitacion, we being formerly fined for not ringing, 2 s. 6 d. Att the Bishopp's return from Greatham, he being in his visitacion, 2 s. 6 d. 5 November. Upon the Coronation day, 27[th] Martij, 3 s. 4 d.

Visitations, &c.: Easter visitacion for the oath of the churchwardens, book of Artickles, making and exhibiting a presentment, and other fees then dew, 2 s. 4 d. Michaelmas visitacion for drawing and exhibiting our presentments to the Ordinary and the Officers, 1 s. 10 d. To Thomas Atkinson for drawing a note or roll in parchment for two years burialls, christnings, and weddings according to the canon, we being commanded by the Bishopp and his officers to exhibite the same into the Consistory Court, 2 s. 4 d.

Communions: Wine for the Communion bought of M[r] Dearham, as appeareth by acquittance, 1 l. 11 s. 9 d. Wine used at other tymes, bought of others, 4 s.

A Bible of the largest volume and latest edicion, as by the book binder's acquittance appeareth, 2 l. 16 s. 0 d. To one that was purposely sent about itt, j s. For a service book for the Communion table of the best sort, 9 s. King David his psalmes translated by King James and commanded to be had in all churches,[1] 2 s. 4 d. To John Cowper for mending and binding the Paraphrases of Erasmus, and making a new cover to itt, 9 d. A Dyaper Comunion table cloath, 4 s. per yeard, making it up, and washing itt, 16 s. A bason for the Communion table for receiveing offerings and oblacions and the alms of the communicants, 6 s. 8 d. Two litle plates or sawcers for carying and

(1) *The Psalms in Metre by King James, with the prose* (1611, 8vo; Oxf. 1631, 12mo; Edinb. 1636, fol.; Lond. 1636, 8vo; Lond. 1646). Sir William Alexander, afterwards Earl of Sterling, is believed to have been the principal author of this work. (Lowndes.) It does not appear to be generally known that this translation of the Psalms had been (as appears from this entry) ordered to be used in churches.

setting the bread on itt, at the tyme of the Communion, 1 s. 6 d. The Minister and Clerk's seate being finished with the best sort of wainescott, 2 l. 16 s. 8 d.[1] Bandes and snecks, 4 s. 6 d. One ferdale, 1 s. 2 d. Two desks, j s. Mattes and flooring them, 1 s. 6 d. To the workmen for removing the Minister and Clerk's old seates, and setting them in the low end of the church for the poore sort to sitt in, 1 s. To a laborer for removing the stones and loose earth and levelling the ground about the Minister's seate, 6 d. Hen: Stevenson and his man for setting up the minister and clerk's seates, 2 s. 6 d. For mending the cover of the font, being much decayed, and colloring it after a decent manner, 5 s. For a pulley to the fonte and 3 pound of iron to it, togeither with the ropes and stones, and workmen's wages, in setting up the same, 5 s. 8 d. To the workmen for removing and placing the old seates, for the poore to sitt in, in the lower part of the church, j s. To Sym and others for dressing and clensing the church, it being contineually throngd therewith by reason of the flagging and plaistering and removal of seates, 2 s. To John Fenny for the laying downe the larestalls this yeare, viz. 4 d. a peece, according to our covenant with him, for that in former tymes through the ignorance or negligence of the sexton or others, being noe workmen, the throughs and flaggs have been brooke, and once taken up never so well laid downe, j s.

(*Further, the church was flagged this year, and, with the Vestry, plastered, painted and rough cast outside, and the roofs repaired. And this entry occurs,*—The charges in removing an old Alter or tombe stone, that lay in the streat, into the church, and there served for flagginge, j s.)

Receipts: 1 l. 4 s. 6 d. *Disbursements*: 30 l. 10 s. 1 d. *The moyetie for St Margaret's*, 14 l. 13 s. 0½ d.

Memorandum at the end of the book.[1]—From the yeare 1580 for fifteene yeare to the yeare 1595 the halfe of all paymentes for St Oswolde's parish church was paid by the churchwardens of St Margretes Crosgate withoute opposition or contradiction, exceptions taken for five yeares to the yeare 1600 by reason of

(1) This memorandum is inserted here to account for the moiety due from St. Margaret's being henceforth usually entered as payable only, not as paid; and for the cessation of spiritual discipline by the Courts beyond the official's usual visitations at Michaelmas and Easter. It was not, however, till 1641 that the legal jurisdiction of these Courts ceased. See Pittington Book, p. 102, note (1).

a ladder lent by Geo. Raket of Crosgate to whiten S[t] Oswoldes, for which was charged 16 d., but all that 5 yeares Crosgate paid one full halfe; whereupon Dr. Colmer decreed Feb[y] 23[d], 1600, that for the future Crosgate churchwardens should pay the halfe of all church expences with S[t] Oswoldes after the house rentes and larestalles were expended; which decree was observed punctually for 30 yeares to the year 1630 with true payment of the halfe and by subscribeing and allowing the accounts witnessed. Aboute this tyme the Scotts invaded, the Spirituall Court ceased, and the civill warrs broke oute. The arreares of the halfe——due by S[t] Margrettes taken notice of to the yeare 1644.

From Easter 1631 to Easter 1632.

Bells rung: 5 Nov. and 27 March.

Visitations: The Seene at Easter, 2 s. 4 d. Fees in M[r] Hutton's court at Michaelmas, 1 s. 10 d.

Communions: To M[r] Derham for wine for the Communion for the whole yeare, as appeares by his acquittance, 1 l. 9 s. 0 d. For 2 quarts more of wine, 1 s. 2 d.

To John Fenwick for laying downe xiij lairstalls according to a former agreement, 4 s. 4 d. For two frames for two formes to stand at the Communion table for the churchwardens and others to knele at the Communion, 6 s. 8 d. For kersey to cover them, 5 s. To Stephen Arundell for fringe and other necessaries, and for making them upp, as appeares by his acquittance, 10 s.[1]

(1) The providing of forms or desks, covered with kersey and adorned with fringes, for the churchwardens and others to kneel at, and apparently intended to stand permanently near the Holy Table, may possibly be significant of the restoration of the latter from the body of the church to a fixed position at the east end of the church. Such restoration was being urged, and partially effected, about this time under the influence of Laud. The kneeling desks in this case may have been placed parallel with the north and south walls at each side of the table, as such desks are placed in the chapel of Magdalen College, Oxford (and probably at other colleges), for such as have attained the degree of B.D. to kneel at during reception. It does not, however, follow, if this were so, that the Holy Table was as yet placed 'altarwise,' *i.e.* against the east wall with its ends to the north and south. (See Scudamore's *Notitia Eucharistica*, Section VI.) Perhaps, however, the procuring of two 'stool-mats' for the Holy Table in 1626–27 may be taken as an intimation that it was so, suggesting the position of the clergy at the ends of the Table which till recently was almost universal.

Receipts, 2 l. 4 s. 6 d. *Disbursements*, 4 l. 15 s. 0 d. *Moyetie for St M.*, 1 l. 5 s. 3 d.

FROM EASTER 1632 TO EASTER 1633.

Bells.—5 Nov. and 27 March. *Visitations.*—Easter and Michaelmas; a presentment exhibited at Michaelmas. *Communions.*—P^d for wine for the whole yeare to Mr Dearham, 2 l. 0 s. 4½ d. To Robert Barwicke for five yeards and a halfe of square sealing to the orgaine frame att 4 s. per yeard, and his paines in making and setting upp the same, 1 l. 9 s. 0 d.

Receipts, 16 s. 2 d. *Disbursements*, 6 l. 4 s. 2½ d.

FROM EASTER 1633 TO EASTER 1634.

Bells.—To the ringers when the Bishopp came first to Durham,[1] 1 s. 8 d. Item to ringers the 1st of June 1633, when the King's Majestie came to Durham,[2] 1 s. 8 d. Item 5 Nov., 3 s. 4 d. Item 27 March, 3 s. 4 d. *Visitations.*—For fees att the official's visitation att Mich: 1633. Item at Easter 1634 to Mr Hutton for fees, 2 s. 4 d. *Communions.*—Bread and wyne for the whole yeare, 1 l. 17 s. 0 d.

(N.B.—*The lower part of the church was flagged this year.*)

Receipts, 1 l. 1 s. 2 d. *Disbursements*, 18 l. 10 s. 6 d.

The moyetie whereof, beinge viij l. xiiij s. viij d., is due and payable by the Churchwardens of St Margaret's.

FROM EASTER 1634 TO EASTER 1635.

Bells.—To the ringers at the Bishopp's visitacion, 3 s. 10 d. D^o on the 5th of November, 3 s. 4 d. D^o on the 27th of March, 3 s. 4 d.

Visitations: 22° Apr. 1634.—To the officiall for articles att the visitacion, 2 s. 4 d. For the churchwardens' dinners, old and new, 10 s. For the booke of articles at the Bishopp's visitation, 3 s. 6 d. For the churchwardens' dinners, 9 s. For coppie of articles att the officiall's visitacion 16 Oct. 1634, 1 s. 10 d. For the churchwardens' dinners, 8 s.

Communions.—For bread and wyne att the Communyon

(1) Thomas Morton, acc. 1632.

(2) Charles I., on his progress to Scotland to be crowned. See Pittington Book, p. 95, note (1).

the 1st of June, 1634, 6 s. For bread and wyne for the Communyon the 24 of August, 1634, 4 s. For bread and wyne att the Communion the 19th of October, 1634, 5 s. For bread and wyne att the Communyon the 23rd of November, 1634, 4 s. For bread and wyne for the Communyon the xjth of Januarij, 1634, 4 s. 8 d. For bread and wyne att Easter, 1635, 1 l. 7 s. 3 d.

Item to Robert Hubberthorne for 7 fox heades, 5 s. Item to Rich: Hodshon for two pate heades, 1 s. To William Farrow for 20 dayles and for his workmanshipp for making 8 formes, 2 l. 7 s. 0 d. To John Sim and his wief and another laborer for carryinge rubbish forth of the church and dressinge the windowes att the Bishopp's visitacion, 1 s. To Thomas Goodayre for 5 yeardes of Padua Serge togither with Silke for making the pulpitt cloth and cushion per acquittance, 3 l. 2 s. 1 d. To Christofer Calvert for makinge the pulpitt cloth and cushion, 7 s. To Stephen Arrundell for workinge the fringe for the pulpitt cloth and cushion, and for fethers and a ledd, per acq., 11 s. For an houre glase, 1 s. To Hen: Farrow for making a case for the houre glase, for a deske for the pulpitt, for a slott for the pulpitt doore, for mending stalles in the North ile, and for nayles, 1 s. 10 d. To Geo. Blith for flagginge the Vestry, beinge xvj yeardes at xvj d. the yeard, 1 l. 1 s. 4 d. To William Farrow for 4 dayles for seates aboute the Vestry, at xvj d. the dale, 5 s. 4 d. To Henry Farrow for making the said seates, 2 dayes and a halfe, 2 s. 6 d.; nayles, 9 d.; drinke, 3 d. —3 s. 6 d. To Michael Greene for mendinge the fount, for pitch and rossell, 10 d.

Receipts: xxiiij s. vj d. *Disbursements*: xvj l. xij s. ij d. The moyetie, beinge 7 l. xiij s. ij d., to be paid by St Margaret's. Recd of the churchwardens of St Margaret's, vij l.

From Easter 1635 to Easter 1636.

Bells: 5 Novr, 27 March. *Visitations, &c.*: For coppies of articles att the officiall's visitacion, 2 s. 4 d. Do 7 October 1635. *Communions*: For bread and wyne att the Communyon the 31th of Maij, 1635, 4 s. 3 d. *Ditto* the 9th of August, 1635, 4 s. 11 d. *Ditto* the 4th of October, 1635, 4 s. 1 d. *Ditto* the 22th of November, 1635, 5 s. 1 d. *Ditto* the 3rd of Januarij, 1635, 5 s. 7 d. *Ditto* att the Communyon at Easter, 1636, 1 l. 8 s. 8 d.

Item to John Sim for helpinge to take downe the wood and leades over the South porch. (N.B.—*Other entries for work about the South porch.*)—Item for carryinge rubbish from aboute the South Quire doore and the South porch, 1 s. Item to Geo. Ridley for viij. stone and a halfe of new lead att 16ᵈ per stone, 11 s. 4 d. Item for 19 stone of new lead att 18ᵈ per stone, 1*l.* 9 s. 6 d. Item for castinge 24 stone of old lead at 1 d. ob. the stone, 3 s.—*Receipts*: xxj s. ij d.—*Disbursements*: xiiij l. xj s. vij d. Deduct xviij s. viij d. for cesse. To be paied by Sᵗ Margarets, vj l. xvj s. v d.

FROM EASTER 1636 TO EASTER 1637.

Bells: 27 March (*only*). *Visitations*: For the Archdeacon's fees att Easter and Michaelmas, iiij s. iiij d. For the Officiall's fees att Easter, 1637, ij s. iiij d. *Communions*: For bread and wyne the 12ᵗʰ of June for the Communion, 5 s. 3d. *Ditto* the 23ᵗʰ of October, 5 s. 3 d. *Ditto* the 1ˢᵗ of June, 5 s. 5 d. *Ditto* at Easter, 1 l. 8 s. 11 d.

Item to John Palmer for takinge downe a piece of the battlement of the church which was like to fall, and setting it upp agane, 2 s. 8 d. Item bestowed in drinke of the workemen when we agreed aboute the Steeple, 1 s. Item to Cuthbert Wann for rough casting the Steeple, 4 l. 18 s. Item pᵈ to William Farrow for the twoe floores in the Steeple, 5 l. 5 s. Item pᵈ to Michaell Greene for laying downe the leades in the Steeple, and castinge a new gutter, 15 s. 6 d. Item for a claspe of iron for the battlement of the church, 1 s. Item pᵈ to William Farrow for the upper floore in the Steeple, and finding bourdes, laying the sarking bordes for the leades, and a doore for the topp of the leades, 15 s. Item for a doore in the wall in the lower floore, and for a doore that goeth outt of the Steeple into the church, 11 s. (N.B.—*Other work about the church; glass, leads, and mason's work.*) *Receipts*: 1 l. 9 s. 6 d. *Disbursements*: 21 l. 8 s. 3 d.—To be paied by Sᵗ Margaret's, 9 l. 19 s. 4 d.

FROM EASTER 1637 TO EASTER 1638.

Bells: 5 Nov., 27 March. *Visitations*: For the booke of articles att the Bishopp's visitation, 3 s. 6 d. For the churchwardens' dinners, 13 s. 6 d. For the Officiall's fees at Mich., 2 s. 4 d. For the Officiall's fees at Easter, 1638, 2 s. 4 d.

Communions: For bread and wyne the 4th of June, 5 s. 3 d. *Ditto* the 5th of October, 5 s. 6 d. *Ditto* the 30th of December, 5 s. 6 d. *Ditto* at Easter, 1 l. 9 s. 0 d.

Item to Mr Mann for 2 yeardes of kersey for a churching cloth, 7 s. Item for frankincense [1] and rushes (*at the Bishop's visitation*), 13 d. Item for mendinge the clark's surplice, 6 d.

Receipts: 1 l. 4 s. 6 d. *Disbursements*: 6 l. 14 s. 2 d. Moyetie being liij s. x d., to be paied by St Margeret's.

From Easter 1638 to Easter 1639.

Recd of Mich. Briggs for a sessment arreare the last yeare, 1 l. 9 s. 2 d. Of Clement Farrow for the like, 1 l. 12 s. 0 d. Of William Farrow for the like, 2 l. 16 s. 0 d. Recd of the churchwardens of St Margaret's which they weere in arreare for 3 yeares ending 1638, 15 l. Recd for the fyne of the church houses, 1 l. 10 s. 0 d. *Some*, 23 l. 13 s. 4 d.

Bells: 5 Nov., 27 March. *Visitations*: For Coppy of the articles at Mich. Visitacion 1638, 4 s. 7½ d. *Communions*: For bread and wyne att comunyon 13 Maij, 1638, 4 s. 3 d. *Ditto* 19 Aug., 1638, 4 s. 7½ d. *Ditto* 14 Oct., 1638, 6 s. 3 d. *Ditto* 11 Nov., 1638, 4 s. 10 d. *Ditto* 13 Jan., 1638, 6 s. 3 d. *Ditto* 10 Feb., 1638, 4 s. 7 d. *Ditto* 10 March, 1638, 4 s. 6 d. *Ditto* att Easter, 1639, 1 l. 7 s. 10 d. *Somme*, 7 l. 18 s. 3 d. Deduct, 1 l. 6 s. 2 d. Remaynes, 6 l. 12 s. 1 d. The Moyetie, beinge 3 l. 6 s. ob., to be paied by St Margaret's.

From Easter 1639 to Easter 1640.

Bells: 5 Nov. (*only*). *Visitations*: For the Officiall fees at Michaelmas, 1 s. 10 d. (*only*). Item for the Minister's dinners, 10 s. *Communions*: For bread and wyne at the Com. the 13° of October, 4 s. 6d. *Ditto* the 5th of Jan., 4 s. Item for bread and wyne the 27° for arrear, 8 s. 1 d. *Ditto* at Easter, 1 l. 8 s. 2 d. Item to Robert Tomson for 2 matts at the Alter,[2] 1 s. Item to John Sim for washing the surplice and

(1) This is the only mention of frankincense in this book. It is mentioned more than once in the St. Nicholas book, as will be seen.

(2) In this year only the Holy Table is called the Altar. It may be a sign of reaction against Puritanism. See above, A.D. 1631–32, for the probable position of the Holy Table at that time. It will be observed that after this year all visitations cease. For the reason see Pittington Book, p. 102, note (1).

Alter clothes, 2 s. Item the Monicion fee for the reparacion of the church, 6 s. 8 d.

Memorandum that upon Sonday the twenty-sixth of May, 1639, being the Sonday after Ascension Day, upon the decease of Thomas Atkinson, late Clarke of our parrish of St Oswald's, choice was made by mee the minister of the said parrish of Ralph Atkinson the sonne of the said Thomas to be parrish Clarke, and also was published to be so to the parrish in time of Divine Service on the said Sonday without any contradiction, all this performed according to the Canons and Constitutions ecclesiasticall. Christian Sherwood, Minister of the said parrish.

From 1640 to 1641.

Communions: For bread and wyne att the Comunyon, 30 Maij, 6 s. 4 d. *Ditto* att the Comunyon att Jo. Elstobb's house, 5 d. *Ditto*, 7 Aug., att Jo. Fenwicke, 5 d. *Ditto* att Wm. Mackforth's, 5 d. *Ditto* att Will. Errington's, 5 d. *Ditto* att the Comunyon att Easter, 12 s.

From 1641 to 1642.

Bells: 5 Nov., 26 March. *Communions*: For bread and wyne att the Comunyon 3° October, 7 s. 4 d. *Ditto* the 2nd of Jan., 8 s. 4 d. *Ditto* upon Palm Sunday, 7 s. 8 d. *Ditto* att Easter, 1 l. 5 s. 6 d. Item for wax, rossel, and stone pitch to make symond (*cement?*) for mending the fount stone broken by the Scotts,[1] 1 s. 10 d. Item to the workemen for setting itt upp, 2 s. 6 d. Item for 2 short fourmes to sett a coffin uppon in tyme of prayers in the church, 3 s. 8 d.—*Receipts*, 1 l. 4 s. 6 d.—*Disbursements*, 6 l. 8 s. 2 d. St Margaret's, 2 l. 11 s. 4 d.

From 1642 to 1643.

Rec^d^ of Mr George Blaides for the sess of halfe Bearpark for a sessment of 2 s. in the pound formerly laied uppon the parrish of St Oswold's for repayre of the church, 17 s. Rec. of the tenants of the Hall garthes, 16 s. Rec. of John Bradley for the other halfe of the Hall garthes, 16 s. Rec. of Thomas Younger for the said sessment, 9 s. 6 d.

(1) For the Scotch invasion see Pittington Book, p. 103, note (1).

Communions: Paied for wyne and bread for Comunyons for the whole yeare, 1 l. 17 s. 3 d.

Disbursements: 4 l. 1 s. 5 d. St M., 1 l. 10 s. 1½ d

FROM 1643 TO 1644.

Bells: 5 Nov. *Communions*: For bread and wyne at the Comunyon, 27 of August, 7 s. 4 d. *Ditto* at Easter, 7 s. 1 d.

To Christofer Maddeson for six dayes and a halfe worke in fillitting and playstering worke aboute the church, at 12 d. per diem, 6 s. 6 d. To Robert Barwick for 2 wood spoutes on the south part of the church where the lead was stolen away, 2 s. To Michaell Greene for mending the church leads, he finding solder, lead, nayles, and all things being left unto him by great, 2 l. 3 s. 10 d.

Disbursements: 5 l. 18 s. 8 d. St M., 2 l. 4 s. 4 d.

FROM 1644 TO 1645.

Bells: 5 Nov. *Communions*:[1] For Comunyon wyne when Nicholas Bradley was sick, 4 d. For Comunyon wyne to John Jopling, 3 d. For Comunyon wyne when Jo. Stobbs was sick, 3 d. *Ditto* for Mary Jopling, 3 d. *Ditto* for Eliz. Stobbs, 3 d.

Disbursements: 19 s.

[From this year till 1652 the accounts are discontinued. But in another part of the book there is a record of the church-wardens, overseers, and surveyors of the highways, elected yearly on Easter Tuesday from 1639 to 1648 inclusive. In 1643 there is this entry:—'The names of such as are appointed to take the accoumpts of the churchwardens for divers yeares by past: Sir Tho. Swinbourne, Mr Robert Collingwood, Mr Geo. Martin, Mr William Sidgwicke, Mr Clement Richardson.' In 1645 there is no record. In 1646 no churchwardens or overseers are specified, and for the first time we find mention of 'grassmen'; thus, 'Grassmen: Ch. Shacklock, Mathew Lidell, John Kenleson, George Hunter.—31 Martij, 1646: Itt is ordered by the 24tie thatt the Grasemen for the yeares 1644

(1) It will be observed that, there having been only two celebrations of Holy Communion in the church during the preceding year, in this year and till 1662 they cease altogether, though a few sick persons still received at home. There was a similar cessation during the Commonwealth at Houghton. Not so at Pittington, where George Shaw, the vicar, who retained his living undisturbed, continued them as had been usual.

and 1645 shall make accompt of all receipts and disbursements to the new elected Grasemen, and sometymes within 20 dayes next ensewing.' *Further*—

John Richardson Thomas Stoute	Swyne and heoges.
Henry Arrosmith Ch. Hidyard	For assize of bread and beare.
Thomas Phillipson John Younge	Well Maisters.

All the officers above named are from tyme to tyme to make there account to the 24^{tle}, and the Connstables are to bringe in the order against undersettes (?) that itt may be entred in the booke.

[The accounts that follow, from 1652 to 1666, are given in full, so as to illustrate the period of the Commonwealth and the Restoration. It will be observed that there is no notice of any expenditure for Communions (except the small sum of 3 s. 10 d. during the whole of the three years 1658, 1659, 1660) till 1662, the year of the Act of Uniformity. Nor, during the later years of the Commonwealth at least, does much seem to have been spent on the church, which, from the cost of repair in 1661–2, appears to have been much neglected. It is significant, however, that two new hour-glasses were got. It may be observed further that, though visitations had ceased, the churchwardens still had their accustomed dinner at the expense of the parish twice a year.]

The Accomptes of Christofer Hildyard, John Phillipson, George Ridley, and Richard Kenlaside, churchwardens of the parish of St Oswoldes in Durham for the yeares 1652 and 1653.

Receipts.—Rec. for the rent of the church houses for 2 yeares, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. Rec. for the rent of Croxdale for 2 year, 5 s. Rec. for the lairstalles of 2 of Mr Edenes children, 3 s. 4 d. Rec. for the lairstall of Tho. Phillipson's childe, 1 s. 8 d. Rec. for the lairstall of widdow Kirkley, 3 s. 4 d. Rec. for the lairstall of John Smyth, 3 s. 4 d. Rec. for the lairstall of William Kirkley's daughter, 3 s. 4 d.—2 l. 4 s. 0 d.

Disbursements.—Paid to John Sim for mending the bell strings, 1 s. For mending the bell wheel and nailes, 5 d. For a new locke to the bell-house doore, 2 s. P^{d} to Richard Kenlaside for 10 iron barrs for the church windows, 5 s. P^{d} to Nicholas Green for 60 foot of new glasse about the church

windows, and for other mending worke as appeares by his note, 1 l. 11 s. 0 d. P[d] to John Sim for his attendance 3 dayes, 1 s. 6 d. P[d] to the ringers upon the fift of November, 1652, 3 s. 6 d. P[d] for drawing the accompts for the churchwardens of S[t] Margarett's, 3 s. P[d] for the churchwardens' dinners, 8 s. P[d] to John Sim for mending the bell ropes, 1 s. To the ringers upon the fift of November, 1653, and for candles, 3 s. 6 d. For an houreglasse for the church, and the frame, 1 s. 6 d. P[d] to Nicholas Green for 62 foot of new glasse, and for 9 foot of old glasse set in new lead, and for stopping 10 dozen of holes in the church windows, and for other mending worke about the church as appears by his note, 2 l. 8 s. 10 d. P[d] to Richard Kenlaside for 6 new iron barrs for the church windows, 3 s. To Nicholas Green for limeing the windows and fitting the barrs, 6 s. 8 d. To John Sim for making the lime and his attendance, 1 s. 6 d. To Thomas Phillipson and John Richardson for laying the flaggs in the church, and for some new flaggs, and likewise for carrieing away the rubbish out of the farr alley of the church, and for labourers' wages, as appeares by their note, 1 l. 5 s. 4 d. To Thomas Short for 23 stone of new lead at 18 d. per stone, and for casting 19 stone of old lead at 3 d. per stone, for 6 pound of sowder, for 300 nailes for the leads, and for 6 dayes worke and a halfe, as appeares by his note, 3 l. 1 s. 3 d. For lime and haire used about the church, and to John Sim's wife for makeing it, 3 s. 4 d. Spent upon the workemen upon severall occasions in all, 6 s. P[d] to Edward Stott for a new bell rope, 7 s. 6 d. For mending the church hacke, 6 d. For 12 Esh tree plants and for setting them in the churchyard, 1 s. 4 d. To George Burne for a pate head, 6 d. To one Page of Fenkala for a fox head, 1 s. To Robert Bell's sonne for 4 pate heads and a fox head, 3 s. P[d] for the churchwardens' dinners, 8 s. For writeing and drawing the accompts, 5 s. To George Burne for a pat head, 6 d.

1654.

The accompt of William Mawer, Thomas Weemes, Robert Scurfeild, and Robert Bell, churchwardens, &c.

Receipts.—For rent of church houses, 12 s. For the lairstall of M[r] Peacock's childe, 1 s. 8 d. For the rent of Croxdale, 2 s. 6 d.

Disbursements.—To John Sim for mending the bell ropes,

1 s. For wedging the bells and for nailes, 6 d. To William Stobbert for mending the clapper of the little bell, 2 s. For an houre glasse for the church, 1 s. For ringing upon the fift of November and for candles, 3 s. 6 d. To Henry Sheppard for a fox head, 1 s. To John Lambe and George Burne for a pate head, 6 d. To Robert Dunn for a fox head, 1 s. To Robert Bell's sonne for three pate heads, 1 s. 6 d. To Thomas Simpson for a pate head, 6 d. To William Arrowsmyth for a fox head, 1 s.

1655.

The accompt of William Hincke, Lancelott Taylor, Thomas Stout, and Robert Bell, churchwardens, &c.

Receipts.—For rent of church houses, 12 s. Lairstall of Mr Morland's mother, 3 s. 4 d. Jane Sneath's lairstall, 3 s. 4 d. Of Mr Eden's child, 1 s. 8 d. Of Mr Phillipson's child, 1 s. 8 d. Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdale, 2 s. 6 d. —*Total*, 1 l. 4 s. 6 d.

Disbursements.—To John Sim for his wages, 8 s. For bawds, 1 s. For mending the leads, 3 s. 6 d. For fox and pate heads, 13 s. For ringing on the 5th of November, 3 s. 6 d. —*Total*, 1 l. 9 s. 0 d.

1656.

The accomptt of Robert Beckles, Thomas Coates, John Sheffeild, and Robert Dunn, churchwardens, &c.

Rec. of the churchwardens of Croxdale, 2 s. 6 d. Rent of church houses, 12 s. For lairstall of Mr Townsend's child, 1 s. 8 d. *Ditto* of Webb, 3 s. 4 d. *Ditto* of Tho. Weame's child, 1 s. 8 d. *Ditto* of Wm. Witherington's daughter, 3 s. 4 d.—*Total*, 1 l. 5 s. 2 d.

Disbursements.—To John Sim for his yeare's wages, 8 s. For imp ropes for the whole yeare, 1 s. For a fox head to Rob. Kirkly, 1 s. For mending the bell house lock and for a new lock, 3 s. 2 d. *Ditto*, and for nayles, 10 d. For ringing the 5th of November. *Ditto* on the Thanksgiving day, 1 s. For a fox head to Richard Bell, 1 s.—*Total*, 19 s. 6 d.

[No accounts seem to have been passed during the remaining years of the Commonwealth. A new volume of accounts begins as follows.]

The accompt of John Martin, Robert Blakiston, John Morland, and George Ridley, Gentlemen, Churchwardens of

the parrish of St Oswold's neare Durham for the yeares 1658, 1659, 1660.

Receipts.—For the lairstall of Richard Liddell's wife, 3 s. 4 d. For the lairstall of Mr Wild's child, 1 s. 8 d. (N.B.—7 *more lairstalls.*) For the rent of the church houses, 1 l. 6 s. 0 d. Of the churchwardens of Croxdale, 5 s.—*Total,* 2 l. 17 s. 8 d.

Disbursements for these three yeares.—For 2 bell ropes to Edward Stott, 13 s. To Wm. Stobbert for 2 new bands to the bell wheele and other ironwork, 5 s. 6 d. To the ringers 5 November, 1658, 3 s. 6 d. For 3 fox heades, 3 s. For binding the great Bible and another booke, 12 s. 6 d. For mending the pulpitt doore bands to Wm Stobbert, 1 s. More to him for mending the bell toungue, 2 s. 6 d. To Michaell Greene for laying downe lead blowne upp, 5 s. For lead for making glaspes for holding them downe and 200 nayles, 4 s. 3 d. To John Sim for his wages, 8 s. For the churchwardens' dinners, 8 s.

1659.

For the ringers the 5th of November, 3 s. 6 d. For an houre glasse, 8 d. For lead for making the staples fast att the Ch. doore, 1 s. 4 d. For John Sim's wages, 8 s. For 2 fox heades and a pate head, 2 s. 6 d. For churchwardens' dinners, 8 s.

1660.

For the ringers the 5 of November, 3 s. 6 d. For mending the glase windowes next the quier, 3 s. 6 d. For mending holes in the leades to Mich. Greene, 5 s. For 2 fox heades to Richard Foster 2 s. For wyne and bread att the Comunion, 3 s. 10 d. For John Sym's wages. For the churchwardens' dinners, 8 s. For drawing and writing our accompts and for 3 warrants from the Justices for 3 yeares, 5 s.—6 l. 9 s. 1 d. Deduct for the receipts 2 l. 17 s. 8 d. Soe rests debt to the churchwardens this yeare, 3 l. 11 s. 5 d.

Seene and allowed the 24th of Aprill, 1664, by us: Ch. Hildyard, Jo. Philipson, Fran. Crosby, Ch. Shacklock, Thomas Weemes, John Ingleby, John Brice, Isaac Cooper.

The accompt of Mr John Martin, Mr Francis Crosby, George Ridley, and Robert Bell, churchwardens, &c., . . . for the yeares 1661 and 1662.

Receipts.—For a lairstall of Mr Symon Peacock's child, 1 s. 8 d. (*N.B.*—11 *more lairstalls.*) For the rent of the church houses of Jo. Martin, 13 s. Of the churchwardens of Croxdale, 2 s. 6 d. Rec^d uppon a sess layed on by the churchwardens and 24 for the repayre of the church of St Oswold's as by the sesse doth appeare, which comes to 22 l. 8 s. 9 d. [the non-solvents being 1 l. 7 s. 6 d.] Soe rec^d, 21 l. 1 s. 5 d. In all, 23 l. 4 s. 11 d.

Disbursed.—Imprimis for a warrant to the Justices, 6 d. For 4 fox heades, 4 s. For setting upp the fount and flagging about itt, 8 s. 6 d. To a laborer for carrying outt rubbish and twoe other men that helped to remove itt, 3 s. 3 d. For fourscore and twelve stone of lead att 1 s. 10 d. per stone, 8 l. 8 s. 8 d. To Michaell Greene for casting itt att 3 d. per stone, 1 l. 3 s. 0 d. To Michaell Greene for taking upp the high roofe of the leades and laying the webbs againe, 1 l. 15 s. For solder for mending the defects in the leades, 1 l. 2 s. 5 d. For dressing the leade gutters, 1 s. For a pinte of sack when Mr Ladler preached, 1 s. For ringing the 5th of November, 3 s. 6 d. To John Sim for his wages, 8 s. For lyme and hayre and twoe sacks of coales used aboute the windowes of the leades, 4 s. 5 d. To George Sykes for nayles, 4 s. 10 d. To the ringers att his Majestie's coronation,[1] 4 s. To one Patteson of Fenkela for 4 fox heades, 4 s. To John Wood for 2 fox heades, 2 s. For ringing when the Bishop came to Durham,[2] 1 s. For mending the litle bell toungue to Wm Stobbert, 1 s. 6 d. To Mr. Thomas Briggs of Broome for eight fox heades and 2 pate heades, 9 s. For the King's Armes, 6 l. To Christofer Shacklock for setting upp the Armes and for dales and timber aboute same, as by his note appeares, 6 l. 17 s. 10 d. Spent at divers meetings aboute church busines, 3 s. 6 d. To Thomas Simpson for fox heades and pates in part whereof paied, 10 s. For the churchwardens' dinners, 8 s. For drawing and writing our accompts and paper, 2 s. 6 d.

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Seene and allowed by us the 25th of Aprill, 1664:—Ch. Hildyard, &c., &c.

(1) Charles II., crowned April 23, 1661.
(2) John Cosin, made bishop immediately after the Restoration.

The accompt of (*the same*) for the yeare 1662.

Receipts.—For lairstalls (4 *in number*), 1 l. 5 s. 6 d.

Rec[d] of a sesse layed on by the 24 and the churchwardens for repayre of the church, which comes to 26 l. 19 s. 4 d.

Disbursements.—Paid to Nicholas Greene for mending the glass windowes att the Bpp's visitation, 9 s. 10 d. To M[r] Clark for a new Common Prayerbooke, 6 s. 10 d. For mending a bell wheele and nayles, 1 s. 11 d. For 11 yeardes of Holland att 3 s. 2 d. a yeard for a new surplice for our minister, 1 l. 14 s. 10 d. For making the surplice, 8 s. To Nich. Bradly for glasping the Common Prayer booke and Bpp Jewell, 2 s. 6 d. For fees att the Bpp's visitation, and for articles, &c., 8 s. 4 d. For the booke of Cannons and for a booke for the 5th of November, 2 s. 6 d. For ringing the 5th of November, 3 s. 6 d. Att the Archdeacon's visitacion for fees and expences that day, 4 s. 6 d. For cloth for the pulpitt and a carpett for the Communion table, a large cushion for the pulpitt and a litle one for the table, 1 l. 19 s. 0 d. To Nicho. Foster for making the pulpitt cloth and carpett, 5 s. To M[r] Ayreson for trimming and silk, 18 s. 11 d. To Dorothy Spenceley for fringes for the pulpitt cloth and carpett, and for her labour about the same, 18 s. To John Jopling flagging part of the church, 3 s. 6 d. For Dyaper for a Communion table cloth and napkin, 12 s. 6 d., and for making and washing them, 1 s. For 4 sacks of lyme, 3 s. 4 d. To Christofer Shacklock for 3 new bell wheeles, a fount cover and other worke about the church, as by his note appeares, 6 l. 19 s. 0 d. Paied att our meetings with Crossgate churchwardens and for counsell fees, 1 l. 12 s. 6 d. For washing the church clothes, 1 s. For changing the church flaggons being three, a large bason for the Communion table and 2 large plaits, 17 s. For 2 basons with handles for collections, 4 s. 8 d. To Mathew Arckle for setting up and writing the Lord's Prayer and tenn Commandments in guilded letters and painting the same, 5 l. For canvas to M[r] John Peacock, 1 l. 1 s. 0 d. Paied to Katharyne Mayson for wyne for the Comunyon for the whole yeare, 2 l. 5 s. 7 d.[1] For bread for the whole yeare, 2 s. 4 d. More paied to Nicholas Greene for glaseing the windowes, 1 l. 0 s. 4 d. For the churchwardens' dinners, 8 s. Spent more att general meetings

(1) Observe the restoration of Communions, which had ceased since 1643. This year, 1662, was that of the Act of Uniformity.

and given to the workemen in drinke when the plummer and carpenters wrought at the church, in 5 yeares the some of 10 s. For a new paper booke to enter our accompts in to Wm Hutchinson, 6 s.—*Total*, 31 l. 14 s. 9 d.

Septimo Maij (63).—These severall accounts seene and allowed, and there is resting due to the churchwardens the some of 14 l. 17 s. 9 d., whereof recd uppon the sess from Framwellgate and Crossgate, 12 l. 1 s. 2 d. in part thereof.

Jo. Morland, &c., &c.

The accompt of John Bruc, John Ingleby, William Rayne, and John Murray, Churchwardens, &c. 1663.

Receipts.—In part of a sess due from St Margaret's, 3 l. 7 s. 4 d. Recd of Michaell Belley by order of George Ridley, 1 l. For lairstalls (3), 8 s. 4 d. For the rent of the church houses, 6 s. 6 d. Of the churchwardens of Croxdale, 2 s. 6 d.—*Total*, 5 l. 4 s. 8 d.

Disbursements.—For articles att the Bpp's visitation, 3 s. 4 d. For articles att the Archdeacon's visitation, 2 s. 4 d. For bread and wyne att the Communion, Michaelmas last, 4 s. Fôr a pinte of sack when Mr Davenport preached att our church, 1 s. 2 d. For bread and wyne att the Communion at Christmas, 6 s. 6 d. For bread and wyne att the Communion att Easter, 1 l. 3 s. 4 d. For the churchwardens' dinners, 8 s. For bread and wyne att the Comunion, June (63), 4 s. 6 d. Spent att the Archdeacon's visitation, 3 s. 4 d. For bread and wyne, 19 Apr. (64), 3 s. 4 d.—*Total*, 5 l. 19 s. 10 s.

For the year 1664.

Receipts.—Imprimis for the rent of the church houses, 13 s. For lairstalls (6), 15 s. Received uppon a sess for the reparacion of the church, viz. Hallgarthes, 3 l. 16 s. 3 d.; Burnhall, 2 l. 14 s. 6 d.; Old Durham, 2 l. 14 s. 6 d.; Half Bearpark, 1 l. 6 s. 3 d.; Houghall, 1 l. 13 s. 4 d.; Shinkliff, 4 l. 3 s. 0 d.; Fenkela, 15 s.; Constablary of Broome, 3 l. 12 s. 2 d.; the Brough and Barronry of Elvett, 4 l. 9 s. 0 d. Recd of the churchwardens of Croxdale, 2 s. 6 d. Recd of William Stobbert for old iron, 1 s. 9 d. Recd uppon a sesse for Crosgate, 8 s. 7 d.—27 l. 4 s. 10 d.

Disbursements.—For a booke of articles, 3 s. 4 d. Att our visitacion att Michaelmas for churchwardens' dinners, for articles and drawing a presentment, 8 s. 4 d. For bread and wyne the

29th of May, 4 s. 8 d. *Ditto* for the Comunyon the 2nd of October, 5 s. 6 d. *Ditto* 1 January, 7 s. 1 d. *Ditto* att Easter, 1 l. 15 s. 3 d. To Mr Wood for a service book for the clerk, 12 s. To Mr Shacklock for the Litany desk,[1] 1 s. 4 d. To Samuell Smith for earnest for casting the bell, 1 s. For taking downe the bell, 5 s. 10 d. Spent att the weighing of the bell, 1 s. 2 d. For carrying and bringing the bell from Darnton with expences aboute the same, 1 l. 15 s. 0 d. For carreing the bell into the church, 1 s. 6 d. For writing the bond and articles with Samuell Smith, 1 s. To Samuell Smith for casting the middle bell, 14 l. 11 s. 8 d. For a wheele to the middle bell, 1 l. 13 s. 0 d. For a stock and a rowl for the bell, 8 s. For the iron work to William Stobbert, 1 l. 11 s. 10 d. For tand leather and grease for the bell, 1 s. 4 d. For taking downe and making upp the bell house wall, 1 s. 8 d.—*Total*, 28 l. 6 s. 11 d.

For the yeare 1665.

Receipts.—Imprimis of Crosgate of the old sess, 3 l. 12 s. 1 d. Of the second sess of Framwellgate and Crosgate, 15 l. 7 s. 5 d. For the houses and landes belonging to Elvett of the third sess, 15 l. 6 s. 1 d. For lairstalls, &c., &c.—*Total*, 35 l. 16 s. 1 d.

Disbursements.—For a Coram nomina against the parishioners of Crosgate, 2 s. 10 d. For bread and wyne for the Comunion 14 May, 7 s. 4 d. *Ditto* att Michaelmas, 6 s. 8 d. *Ditto* at Christinmas, 8 s. 8 d. *Ditto* att Easter, 1 l. 9 s. 9 d. For drawing our presentment att the visitacion, 1 s. 6 d. For a booke for the fast,[2] 2 s. For the bookes of articles, 1 s. 6 d. For fees to Mr Newhouse for the old and new churchwardens, 9 s. For ringing att the visitacion, 2 s. 6 d. For the minister and churchwardens' dinners, 5 s. Four our dinners att the Michaelmas visitacion, 6 s. 6 d. For fees to Mr Bullock att the visitacion, 2 s. 4 d. For ringing the 11th of June for the victory att sea,[3] 3 s. 4 d. For ringing the 4th of July being a thanksgiving day, 4 s. For ringing the 20th of August, 2 s. 6 d.

(1) This would be in 1665. In the same year Litany desks were got both in the parish of St. Nicholas and at Houghton. They had probably been ordered generally by Bishop Cosin.

(2) Probably ordered because of the plague, which began in London A.D. 1665.

(3) The victory of the English fleet under the Duke of York over the Dutch under Admiral Opdam.

To Wm Stobbert for 2 clasps of iron for fastning the great dormond in the church, 6 s. To William Stobbert for 165^lb. of iron for the great bell, 3 l. 10 s. 10½ d. More to him for 2 gudgeons for the bell, 6 s. 8 d. For mending 2 brasses aboute the bell, 2 s. To Abraham Smith for wood and workmanshipp aboute the bell frame and the bell, 2 l. 8 s. 11 d. For a citacion against Crosgate, 2 s. 10 d. For a fast booke the 18th of November, 2 s. 6 d. For fees of court to Mr Newhouse against Crosgate, 11 s. 10 d. For carrying the litle bell to Darnton and bringing back 1 l. 13 s. 0 d. For casting the litle bell, to Samuell Smith, 9 l. 7 s. 0 d. For hanging the litle bell 1 l. 17 s. 11 d. To Abraham Smith for a new bell wheele, 1 l. 15 s. 0 d. For writing the bond and articles for casting the litle bell, 1 s. 6 d. For carring the bell outt of the church and helping upp with into the steeple, 5 s. Spent with the bell founder and all other severall tymes, 4 s. For a bagg for the chalice, 4 d.—*Total,* 38 l. 11 s. 8 d.

[In the years that follow only unusual or significant entries have been extracted from the accounts. It is to be understood that (unless otherwise specified) the receipts continue of the usual character, including lairstalls till 1729; that Archdiaconal visitations are held yearly at Easter and Michaelmas at least, and from time to time presentments made; that Communions continue to be celebrated three or four times a year, the 'great and general' ones being at Easter; but that there are no longer, as in former years, payments made for seats or pews. The only notices with regard to them are entered separately at the end of the book, and will be found below.]

A.D. 1666–7.

For a church coffin,[1] 14 s. To the ringers the 15th of June for the victory at sea, 4 s. *Ditto* August the 3rd for another victory att sea, 4 s. *Ditto* August the 23rd for another victory att sea,[2] 5 s. To Robert Mittford for twoe service bookes touch-

(1) See above, A.D. 1614–15.

(2) Early in June 1666, there was an engagement in the Downs between the English fleet under Monk, and the Dutch under De Witt and De Ruyter, in which the Court at first pretended a victory, though Monk had really been compelled to retire, burning his disabled ships. This would be the supposed victory for which the bells were rung on June 15. In the course of the same year the Dutch were driven back into their ports. It

ing the fire att London, 3 s.[1] For a cushion to the Lettany deske for our Minister, 2 s. 10 d. For twoe matts, one for the pulpitt and another for the Lettany deske, 1 s.

A.D. 1667–8.

For a hassock and a matt for our Minister, 6 d. For leading the South porch, 11 l. 6 s. 2 d. For an houre glass, 8 d.

A.D. 1668–9.

To the ringers at the Bpp's coming to Durham, 2 s. 6 d. Paid att the Bpp's visitacion for articles and fees, 8 s. 4 d. Att the Dean and Chapter's visitation for articles and fees, 3 s. 4 d. Spent att severall meetings for procuring a subdivision of Framwelgate and Crosgate and collecting of the same, 10 s.

A.D. 1669–70.

Received in part of a sess imposed uppon the landes and houses of Elvett, Framwelgate, and Crosgate, for mending and repairing the breach of the buttress of the South side of the steeple of the church, and other reparacions in and aboute the said church, as by the schedule appeares, the some of 19 l. 7 s. 8 d. Paid to John Powell for mending and repayring the buttress on the South side of the steeple, the battlement and windowes and rough casting the same with lyme, 7 l. Spent att severall meetings for procuring a subdivision of Framwelgate and Crosgate and collecting of the same, 10 s.

A.D. 1671–2.

Paid for a spade iron, and paper to collect the breif for the captives, 1 s. 6 d.

Received by the churchwardens aforesaid for the Close at Hett given by Mr Tho. Bullock for and towards the binding of apprentices:—Rec^{d} at Xmas 1671, 1 l. 0 s. 0 d. Rec^{d} at the Lady day 1672, 1 l. 0 s. 0 d.—2 l. 0 s. 0 d. *Disbursed*: For a constable, 1 s. 6 d. For the poore sesse, 1 d. For the church sesse, 1 d. For quickes, 5 s. 8 d. For moulding the close, 8 d. For artickles and spent, 3 s.—11 s.—Remaining in our hands, and paid over to the succeeding churchwardens, 1 l. 9 s. 0 d.

would be for successful engagements having this result that the bells were again rung on August 3 and 23.

(1) The fire broke out September 3, 1666.

4 August 1672.—Ordered by us being the Minister and of the fowre and twenty of the said parish that the churchwardens and collectors of the poore within the said parish doe repaire unto Mrs Thomasen Bullocke, widow, executrix of the last will and testament of Mr Thomas Bullocke her late husband deceased, and receive of her the summe of fifty pounds given and bequeathed by the last will and testament of her said late husband for the use of the poore of the said parish, and also to receive of her all such writeings and deeds which any way concerne one close or parcell of ground in Hett given by the said Mr Thomas Bullocke to binde apprentices within the said parish, and the said churchwardens and collectors to give acquittance and discharge for receipte of the said fifty pounds and the deeds concerning the said close to the said Mrs Thomasen Bullock, which wee doe unanimously agree shal be a sufficient discharge unto her, as witnes our hands the day and yeare above written.

Jo. Cock, Minister, Jo. Morland, &c., &c. (13 *signatures*).

10th May 1672.—Received of George Ridley the summe of six pounds given and bequeathed by Dame Margaret Bellasis late deceased for the use of the poore of Elvett parish by us the churchwardens underwritten.

Geo. Wilson.—Ch. Shacklock.—Thom. Knaggs.—Robert Eales.

A.D. 1672–3.

To John Mitford for the booke for the fast for the Nevy (*Navy*),[1] 5 s. For planches for the high steeple floer, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. For the posts and planches for the lower flower, 2 l. 5 s. 0 d.

A.D. 1673–4.

For a booke for the fast,[2] 2 s. To Mr Tho. Brigs for two badgers' heads, 1 s. For a booke of Homelyes and a paper booke, 12 s. Spent with Mrs Matthew about the suite in Spirituall Court, 4 s. 4 d. Spent at several meteings about the parish citations, 10 s. Disbursed for being cited for the booke of homelyes, 2 s. 6 d.

(1) Perhaps on the declaration of war with Holland in March, 1672.

(2) After the passing of the Test Act in 1673, the country being in a state of alarm about popery, the king was requested to appoint a day of fasting and humiliation, and complied.

A.D. 1674-5.

For 4 Brock heads, 2 s. Att the Archeacon's visitation for a diner at Robert Meabourn's, 1 l. 14 s. 10 d. For a diner at the last visitation, 16 s. 6 d.

FEBY. 4th 1675.—We whose names are here underwritten being of the foure and twenty of the parish of St Oswald's doe agree and consent that what charges soever shall be expended in any suite to be comenced against Mr Symond Peacock or any other refuseing to pay their respective assessments layd upon them for the repaires of the parish church of St Oswould's aforesaid shall be borne and defraid at the charge of the parish, to be laid on by assessment. John Brice, &c., &c. (11 *signatures*).

A. D. 1675-6.

Paid for a new Communion Table, 1 l. 6 s. 8 d.

Bonds delivered to the succeeding churchwardens, viz.—John Frizell, bond of 30 l. due 16 Ap. (76) and payd consideracion untill that day, 30 l. One bond of Henry Arrowsmith of 5 l. 8 s. payable the 24 March (75), and payd consideracion untill that day, 5 l. 8 s. 0 d. Ouswould Hodshon, bond for 10 l. payable upon Whitsuntuesday 1666, and consideracion, &c., 10 l. One bond of Wm Brockett for 8 l. payable 25 March (75), and one warrant of attorney of 4 l. daited the 18th of Jany (75), and consideracion, &c., 12 l. One bond of Tho. Kinleside payable 11 March (75), and consideracion, &c., 10 l. Do of Michaell Belly, payable 7 Decr (74) &c., &c., 10 l. Do of Nich. Foster, payable 17 Novr (73), &c., &c., 6 l. Do of Rich. Kinleside, payable 25 March (75), &c., &c., 12 l. Do of Rob. Stobert and Tho. Bancks, payable 25 March (75), &c., &c., 11 l. Robert Barwick, bond for 13 l. 4 s. 0 d. The church lease of the parcell of ground given by Mr Bullock, rent 2 l. 10 s. 0 d. John Martyn, lease of his house rent, 13 s. 4 d.

Signed, Ri. Beckles. Ri. R. C. Croft.

[The same for the year 1677, with the addition, 'Rich. Croft bond, 5 l.,' and, for 'John Martyn, &c.,' 'Widd. Martin, lease of her house, 13 s.' *Signed*, John Murray, Nicholas Johnson.]

A. D. 1676-7.

For whitening the church, 4 l. 0 s. 0 d.

A. D. 1677–8.

To John Clarke for serving citations, 3 s. 4 d. For a warrant to remove one out of the parish, 2 s. 6 d. For carring a woman to Shinkliffe with a warran, 1 s. For mats for the seats in the Quire, 12 s.

A. D. 1678–9.

For the churchwardens' dinner at the first visitation, and the rest of the company that were there with them, 1 l. 2 s. 0 d. For a book for the Woolen Act, 2 s. 6 d. To Robert Meaburn as by his bill appeares, 13 l. 3 s. 9 d. To William Brockett (d°), 29 l. 5 s. 2 d. To the glasiers (d°), 8 l. 0 s. 0 d. To Robert Stobbert (d°), 4 l. 16 s. 4 d. To John Clark for serving citations, 3 s. 4 d. For drawing a schedule of the yearly value of Framwelgate and Crosgate lands and houses to be kept for a memoriall, as also for a return of the names of the Roman Catholicks to the Justices, 5 s.[1] For the visitation dinner at Martlemas, 1 l. 0 s. 6 d.

Bonds delivered to the succeeding churchwardens for the year, 1679:—Henry Arrowsmith's bond, 5 l. 8 s., payable the 24th day of March (76), consideration paid until that time. Oswald Hodshon's bond, 10 l., payable upon Whitsuntide (1666), and consideration, &c. William Brocket's bond, 12 l., payable 24 March, 1678, and consideration, &c. Thomas Keinliside's bond, 10 l., payable the 11th of March, 1677, and consideration, &c. Robert Barwick's bond for 13 l. 4 s. 0 d. William Fawset's bond, 12 l., payable the 18th of June, 1678, consideration paid till 79. Michaell Belley's bond and judgements, 10 l. 15 s. 8 d., payable the 21st of February, 1677, consideration, &c. Widdow Martin's lease of her house, 13 s. Nicholas Foster's indenture of lease held under the right worshipfull the Deane and the Chapter of Durham, together with an assignment and bond for performance of the same, for the summe of sixty pounds lent to him the 18th day of May, 1678, and payable the 18th day of November, 1678.

A. D. 1679–80.

For the churchwardens' dinners at the Bp's visitation, 1 l. 7 s. 6 d. *Ditto* at the Deane and Chapter's visitation, 14 s.

(1) This was the year of the alleged Popish Plot on the information of Titus Oates.

For going to Sunderland 2 times about the poore's money, 10 s. For ringing when the Duke of York came,[1] 2 s. 6 d.

A.D. 1680–1.

For a warran when the church was robed, 4 s. Paid to Mr Robert Blaikston, which he disbursed at London for changing the church plaite, 4 l.

A.D. 1681–2.

For the fees and the churchwardens' dinners at the first visitation, and a Fast booke, 1 l. 16 s. 6 d. *Ditto* at the second visitation the 8th of December, 1681, 1 l. 10 s. 6 d. For writing the names and sums of money given for the ransome of the slaves in Algiers and Sally in the Reggister, 2s. 6d. Given to a poor traveler by order, 2 s.

MAY 1, 1683.--Ordered by the four and twenty of the parish of St Oswald's that the churchwardens' dinners shall not exceed the sum of twenty shillings from henceforth, besides the Court fees that they are to be allowed over and above. Witness our hands :—Will. Blakistone, Ra. Davison, Ri. Peacocke, Anth. Salvin, Jo. Martyn.

A.D. 1682–3.

For fees, a fast booke, and the churchwardens' dinners at the first visitation, 1 l. 13 s. 0 d. For making a codd to the litany deske and two cushions, 4 s. 6 d. To George Newton for nats for the church, 3 s.

A.D. 1683–84–85.

Rec^d for Croxdale prescription rent for burying two years, 5 s.[2] *Paid* for two paire of gloves given to two ministers that assisted Mr Cock at the Communions, 4 s. For two warrants

(1) In 1679, after the battle of Bothwell Bridge, Monmouth was recalled from his command in Scotland, and the Duke of York proceeded thither to act against the Covenanters.

(2) The annual payment of 2*s.* 6*d.* by the chapelry of Croxdale, which has appeared from the beginning of the book, formerly entered as 'for bread and wine,' is now called a 'prescription rent for burying.' It was probably the remains of the offering of the 'holy loaf' before the Reformation, commuted afterwards into a fixed payment for the elements of Communion, the performance of which 'dewtie' secured to the inhabitants of Croxdale the right of burial in the churchyard of St. Oswald's. See p. 121, note (1).

for removeing Christopher Pattison and Mr Warren out of the parish, 5 s. To M^r^ Jo. Midford for the king's Proclamation, 2 s. 6 d. For a paire of gloves for one that helped Mr Cock on Christmas day last past, 2 s. For ringing the day of King's being proclaimed and the day he was crowned one, 13 s.[1] For two paire of gloves given to two ministers, 4 s.

[N.B.—Four visitations this year.]

Bonds and other securities which are underwritten, that were delivered to the churchwardens this present yeare, 1686, Henry Arrowsmith, Thomas Bancks, and John Bancks.

Bond to Tho. Kenleside, Tho. Peckton, Rob. Meaburne, and John Hopper, dated 24 Martij, 1674, in 10 l. for payment of 5 l. Will. Brockett, Rich. Hopper, and Wm. Brockett the younger, to Jo. Murrey, Jo. Gibson, Rich. Johnson, and Wm. Wheatley, dated 29 September, 1677, in 24 l. for payment of 12 l. Oswald Fawcett, Chr. Balland, Rob. Eales, and Jo. Mayson's bond to Jo. Murrey, Jo. Gibson, Nich. Johnson, and Wm. Wheatley, dated 18 January 1677, in 24 l. for payment of 12 l. In present moneyes rec^d^ from Mr John Phillipson, former churchwarden, and now in the present churchwardens' hands, for which they are to accompt for interest from the time of their entry tenn pounds. But they are onely chargeable for interest of five pounds thereof from their entry, and the other 5 l. they have and are ready to pay as they shall be ordered. The Deane and Chapter's lease to Tho. Tayler and Tho. Tayler's assignment to the said Nich. Foster, and Nich. Foster's assignment to Wm Davison, Esqre, John Sedgwick, Esqre, John Crosly, and Rich. Beckles, with a bond for performance of covenants for secureing of 60 l. lent 18th Maij, 1678. Robert Stobbert's bond and judgement to Mr John Phillipson, dated 29 August, 1683, in 20 l. for payment of 10 l. Edw. and Mathew Hodshon's bond to Abr. Smith, Jo. Richardson, Gyles Raine, and Wm Gainford, in 20 l. for payment of 10 l.

21 Dec., 1686.—Ordered that the present churchwardens doe call in all the interest moneys due upon the abovesaid securityes till this tyme, and them that neglect to pay their securityes to be put in suite.

Silver Plate belonging to the parish.—One large silver flaggon given by Mrs Mary Bellingham of the vallue of 20 s.

(1) Charles II. died February 6, 1685, and James II. was crowned on St. George's day (April 23) in the same year.

or thereabouts. One other flaggon of the same make, shape, and vallue given by Doctor Smith, late Deane of Carlisle and now Bishop of Carlisle. One silver Challice with a cover bought att the parish charge. One silver server or a patten with a foot to screw on and a leather case, given by Major William Richardson of Newgate in London with an inscription of the guift of William Richardson sonne of Clement Richardson, late of Elvett, deceased.

A.D. 1685–6.

To the bell-ringers for ringing the 6th day of July, 1685, when Monmouth was taken,[1] 7 s. For ringing the 26th day of July, 1685, being a day of Thanksgiving, 7 s. To the bell-ringers upon the King's birthday, 7 s. Given to two Ministers that assisted Mr Cock at two communions two pair of gloves, 4 s. To the bell-ringers the 6th of February, 7 s. *Easter*, 1685.—For three pairs of gloves which was given to the ministers that assisted Mr Cock, 7 s. 6 d. To the bell-ringers on the King's Coronation day, 7 s. Given to the man that brought Mr Richardson's plaite, 1 s. For a new service booke for Mr Cock, 13 s. 6 d. To Robt Young for nats to the church, 5 s. To the bell-ringers the 6th of October, 1686, 7 s.

A.D. 1688.

The Queen's being with child, for the ringers, 6 s. Ringing for the bearth of the P. of Wales,[2] 6 s. Rejoicing for P. Wales, 6 s. 6 d. Oct. 14, King's bearthday, 6 s. For ringing for P. of Orang, 6 s.[3]

A.D. 1689.

Proclamation, 3 s. King's Coronation, 6 s. Bearth Duke of Gloster, 3 s.[4]

(1) The battle of Sedgmoor was fought on July 6, 1685, soon after which Monmouth was taken in New Forest. The thanksgiving day next mentioned, July 26, would be for his defeat.

(2) Prince James Edward, born June 10, 1687. The previous ringing (probably under orders from the Court) for the queen's pregnancy, is significant of the desire felt to give publicity to the fact, which many doubted. It is well known that the child, when born, was supposed by some to be supposititious.

(3) Observe the impartiality of the church bells. William and Mary were proclaimed on February 13, and crowned on April 11, 1689.

(4) Son of the Princess (afterwards Queen) Anne and her husband,

January 30, 1689.—Whereas Mr John Philipson's accompts as churchwarden with others were stated for his Collection of the assessment, the receipt of larestalls, Croxdale Whit rent, the church houses, and his disbursements seen and perused, allowed and subscribed by the 24, whereby there appears due to him and ordered to be paid him by the new churchwardens the summe of 12 l. 9 s. 6 d.

Now here followeth Mr Phillipson's further accompts of his receipts and disbursments relateing to the poore stock and Charrety Close, as also Mrs Purefoye's guift to the poore, with a list of all the writeings, securities, bonds, and other papers and receipts, delivered to the new churchwardens, wherewith they are to stand charged for the use of the parish, as also with the remaineing summe paid over to them by the foote of this accompt, being 11 l. 18 s. 6 d.

Rec^d Wm Richardson of the poore money, 10 l. Rec^d Christ^r Balance in part of his 12 l. bond, 10 l. Rec^d Robt Stobert in part of 10 l. bond, 3 l. Rec^d Mrs Purefoy by Madam Blakiston a charety of Charety Close receipts, viz. 5 l. Rec^d Michaelmas rent for halfe a year, 1683, 1 l. 7 s. 0 d. Rec^d Lady day and Michaelmas rent, 1684, 2 l. 14 s. 0 d. [*Further rents for* 1685, 1686, 1687, 1688, 1689.] Rec^d in all upon the accompt of the poore, 43 l. 9 s. 0 d.

Paid for Froster's pavement and in money as per order, 10 l. P^d Jo. Simpson and Mr Willson as per receipts, 7 l. 19 s. 2 d. P^d M^r Jo. Crosby for charges on Charety and Counsell, 3 l. 2s. 0 d. P^d in charges for witnesses at the tryall, 2 l. 11 s. 0 d. P^d Richard Archer, 1 l. 13 s. 4 d. P^d Elizabeth Thompson per order, 1 l. P^d Tho. Thompson per order, 1 l. P^d outrent for a subpœna, 1 s. P^d Math. Lister per order, 1 l. P^d Eliz. Thompson to Jo. Davison, 1 l. P^d Stephen Taylor with Authur Smith's sonne, 2 l. 3 s. 0 d.

Paid in all upon the poore accompt, 31 l. 9 s. 6 d.

Restes due to the new churchwardens for which they are to be chargeable to the 24 for the use of the parish poore, 11 l. 18 s. 6 d.

Bonds, &c. *April* 16, 1678.—The Deane and Chapter's Lease to Tho. Taylor of Nich. Froster's house from the sealeing for 40 years under the rent of 13 s. 4 d. per annum. Tho.

Prince George of Denmark. The young prince died in the eleventh year of his age, in July 1700.

Taylor's assignment to Nich. Froster, &c., &c. [*A list of Bonds follows similar to that on p.* 207.]

A.D. 1689, 1690, 1691.

MARCH 5, 1689.—Paid to Mr Sheffield for the visitation dinner, 1 l. 19 s. 0 d.[1]

1690.—To the bell-ringers when King William was said to land in Wales, 6 s. To John Stockeld for wine and sack as by his note appeares, 2 l. 10 s. 0 d. To bell ringers when the King did land in Wales, 6 s. Paid the ringers on a Thanksgiving day, 6 s. Paid to James Clement's widow for a large wainscot box for puting the church plaite in with a lock and key as by her note appeares, 1 l. 2 s. 0 d. Paid the ringers att the victory in Irland, 6 s.[2]

SEPTEMBER.—To the bell ringers upon the news of the victory over the Turkes, 6 s.

Paid for the visitation dinner, 1 l. 15 s. 0 d. The 16th of October pd. the ringers for the rejoycing att the takeing of Limerick, 6 s.[3] The 26th of November for the victory, 6 s. The 26th of August for the visitation dinner, 1 l. 15 s. 0 d.

1692.

The 24th of May, the ringers, 6 s. The 10th of November (or rejoycing day), 6 s. One pint of sack, 1 s. 3 d. The King's returne from Flanders, 6 s. The 30th of January, ringing, 6 s. The King's returne from sea, 6 s. Visitation dinner, 2 l. For entring the names who gave moneys for the redemption of the captives, 2 s. 6 d.

1693.

November the 3rd and the 5th, paid to the bell ringers then, 12 s. For ale with an intention to treat the Dean when he preached, 1 s. To Marke Hower for mending the church gate that carriages comes in at, 2 s. 6 d.

1694.

Paid to the bell founder in part of the first assessment the

(1) It is amusing to observe how the churchwardens persisted in feasting at visitations at the expense of the parish. Till 1671 the cost of a visitation dinner had not exceeded 8*s.* 6*d.*, after which date it gradually increased, amounting in 1674 to 1*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* In 1683 there was a special order of the vestry, restricting the cost to 20*s.* But the churchwardens seem to have made light of this order, spending afterwards even more than before.

(2) The battle of the Boyne, fought June 1690.

(3) Limerick capitulated on October 4, 1691.

summe of 25 l. P[d] M[r] Ham. Hendry to the bell founder for us the present churchwardens, for which wee stand indebted to him yett the sum of xix pounds onely, 42 l. 6 s. 9 d. To the bell ringers when the Queen was buried, 1 s. 6 d. New bason for the funt, and for dresing the new flagon and puter bason, 6 s. To the bell ringers for ringing on a day of rejoycing in the year 1693, 6 s.

1695.

September the first to the bell ringers when Nemoore was taken, 3 s. 6 d. October 18.—To the bell ringers when the king came home, 7 s.

1696.

January.—For the bell tolinge when the Queen was buried, 1 s. 6 d. March: To the bell ringers on a day of rejoycing, 7 s.

1696. May 29.—Paid to the bell ringers for ringing when the Lord Bishop came home, 2 s. October 5.—To the bell ringers when the king came home, 3 s. 6 d.

1697.

For the Swearing Act, 6 d. September the 7[th] to the bell ringers for ringing when peace was concluded, and candles then, 3 s. 8½ d. October the 30[th], to the bell ringers when peace was proclaimed, 7 s. November 19[th], to the bell ringers when the king came home, 3 s. 6 d. December 2[nd], to the bell ringers, a day of Thanksgiving, 7 s. The bell ringers April the 11[th], Coronacion day, 3 s. 6 d. Paid to M[r] Mitford for a prayer book and 2 proclamacions, 3 s. 6 d.

September 14, 1693, Inquisicion bears date. Wherein by agreement the Jury found one pound six shillings and eightpence payable to Elvet out of the Charity Close from May day before for ever, so that at May day 1696 was due for the said Charity from M[r] Jonathan Wood four pounds, as appears by the said Inquisicion and the decree thereupon now in the custody of me George Dixon, 25[th] July, '96.

This is a true copy of M[r] Geo. Dixon's note delivered by us whose names are underwritten to M[r] John Walker, elect churchwarden, as witness our hands Aug. 31, 1699.

Pat. Ross
Nicklas Thompson } Churchwardens.

I delivered the note as above to George Morland Esq[re], who promised to send for M[r] Wood and M[r] Dixon to set M[r] Wood's accompt to right. Jo. Walker.

A.D. 1698–9.

For cieling the church, &c. . . . 5 l. 19 s. 8 d. To Nicholas Rowell and John Griffith for whiteing the church, plaistering the South windows, filling up the needle points, and beam-filling about the new cieling, and for plastering lime, 4 l. 9 s. 6 d. To George Marlow, for painting the roof of the church and gilding the starrs, 2 l. To Joh. Smith for nailing up the starrs, 1 s. 6 d. To Robert Young for matts, 7 s. P^d^ Mrs Shires for 6 bottles of wine at Whitsuntide, '99, and one bottle when the Archdeacon received the Sacrament, 14 s. P^d^ the ringers at the King's return and ½ lb. candles, 7 s. 2½ d. For a monition, publishing it and other charges, 12 s.

The accompts of the Charity and Interest money received by Pat. Ross. Rec^d^ of Mr John Phillipson, being part of Will. Brocket's bond, 3 l. 3 s. 4 d. Rec^d^ of Mr John Crosby for interest, 1 l. 10 s. 0 d. Rec^d^ more of Mr John Crosby for interest upon Stratforth's account, 2 l. 1 s. 6 d.—Rec^d^ in all, 6 l. 14 s. 10 d.

Disburst. To Thomas Robinson for mending the Alms house, 8 s. 4 d. To Mrs John Martin, 5 s.—13 s. 4 d.

A.D. 1699–1700.

OCTOBER 28.—To the ringers at the king's retorne, and candles, 3 s. 8½ d. To Mrs Shires for two bottles of wine when Mr Pickering received the Sacrament, 3 s. 4 d. Paid for 2 large sheep skins to make a bag to carry the bookes plate and surplis into the country, and makeing it, 4 s. 6 d.

[*The following allotments of pews are entered at the end of the book.*]

APRILL 21, 1699.—Wee the churchwardens of the parish of St Oswald's whose names are under written do allot and appoint to Mr John Philippson the pue or seat joining to Roger Thornton on the East, Thomas Parkinson and John Foster on the West, the Alley on the South, and the wall on the North, being formerly called by the name of Hobson's pew.

his
Pat. Ross;—John X Edger;—Nicklas Thompson.
mark

APRILL 21, 1699.—Wee the churchwardens &c. do allot and appoint to Mr John Waller that pew or seat which was formerly

Thomas Philippson's, joining on the East on Wm Richardson, on the West Robert Stobart's pew, North, John Proud's, and the middle alley on the South.

his
Pat. Ross ;—John X Edger ;—Nicklas Thompson.
mark

27 MARCH, 1700.—Wee the churchwardens &c. do allot and appoint unto Mr Patrick Ross that pew or seat adjoyning on the pulpitt staires on the North (where he now sits), the two Allies on the East and South, and Mr Martyn's servants' pew on the West.

mark of
Jo. Walker,—Ra. Steele,—Tho. /// Weemes.

1 AUG. 1721.

We the churchwardens &c. do allott and appoint unto William Harrison for his three houses the pew or seat adjoyning to Mr Alderman Mascall's seat on the North, the common Alley on the West, and an old pew on the south which nobody shall—— (*The rest is illegible.*)

[*The following is at the end of the earliest volume* (1580-1658).]

6 JANUARII, 1608.

Orders and paines sett downe and agreed upon in St Oswoldes Churche in Durham by consent of the xxiiij, the Vicar and Churchwardins thereof as followeth :—

IMPRIMIS : that everie one of the 24 that doth absente himeself from any metinge for the good of the churche, warninge beinge gevine in the churche, and he beinge in the towne and havinge no lawfull lett, shall forfeit to the poore man's box for everie tyme that he shall so absente hime self, xij d.

ITEM : that the Sacriston shall not presume to breake anye grave in the church without the consent of the Churchwardins first had thereunto upon paine of everye default, xxxij d.

ITEM : that neyther the Clarke nor Sacriston shall lenn or carrie forthe of the churche any ledders or other implements belonginge to the churche upon payne for everie defalt, xij d.

ITEM : that neyther the Clarke nor Sacriston shall laye or cast any earthe gravell or mooles at the churche or porch sides upon payne for everye default, xij d.

ITEM : that the Clarke shall not one the night leave open the

Steeple doore, nor anye other doores belonginge to the churche havinge lockes and kyes upon payne of everye default, vj d.

ITEM: that no younge man, journamen nor prentice, beinge parishioners, shall presume in the Quire to sytt or above the crosse allye upon payne of ij d. for everye default and tyme that he shall be so takine syttinge above the same, except he can reade and helpe to saye service, and have a convenient place assignede hime by the Churchwardins to sytt in, ij d.

ITEM: that no younge women or maide servantes shall presume to sytt in any wives stales above the crosse allye upon payne of ij d. for everye default, except gentlewomen's waytinge maides or others havinge convenient places assigned them by the churchwardins so to do, ij d.

ITEM: that no men younge or olde shall in tyme of Divine Service sytt upon the sides or edges of women's stales upon payne of ij d. for everye tyme they shall be takine syttinge upon the same, ij d.

ITEM: that the Churchwardins for the tyme beinge shall levie all the saide paynes and pennalties and put them into the poore man's box, and that if they be found neclegent in levyinge theirof that then everie of them neglectinge his dewtie in that behalf shall forfitt xij d. for everye default to be leviede of them by the 24 or any 4 theirof to be imployede to the poore man's box, xij d.

ITEM: that the Churchwardins for the tyme beinge shall yearlye before their goinge forth of their office deliver over to the new Churchwardins all such monye as they have recaved into the saide poore man's box, or els good bonde for the same, together with the encrease theirof to remayne in the saide chest together with a trew note of the gevers theirof, as also of the names of those to whome they have gevin anythinge out of the same; and that the Churchwardins shall not lenn any mony out of the same box, without good bonde takine in the names of the Churchwardins, upon payne of forfetinge for everye default iij s. iiij d. to be leviede of them by the next succedinge Churchwardins over and besides the monye by them to be accompted for; and the saide summe of iij s. iiij d. to be put into the saide box towards the raysinge of a stocke for the relief of the poore, aiged, and decayed people of that parishe, iij s. iiij d.

ITEM: that the Clarke shall register theesse orders in the booke belonginge to the Churchwardins before their entrye

thereunto to the ende they maye yearelye be well acquanntede theirewith upon payne of xij d. for everye default.—xij[d].

ITEM: if any person or persons beinge obstinate shall resiste and refuse the payment of anye payne or pennaltye by hime or them commytted, that then the Churchwardins for the tyme beinge shall have powre and aucthoritye to commence suite or suites against such persons so resistinge as if the said were anye parochiall dewtye, and if the Churchwardins neglect the presentinge theirof that then the next succedinge Churchwardins to have full powre to recover the same against the former Churchwardins, and so successivelye the new Churchwardins to have actione against the old Churchwardins.

In wytnesse and confirmation whereof as well the 24 as the Vicar and Churchwardins have heareunto subscribed their names the daie and yeare above saide.

To the Right Worshipfull M[r] Doctor Colmore Offeciall the Right Reverende Father in God William by the Divine Provedence Lord Bishop of Durham.

In humble manner shewethe unto your Worship the Vicar, 24, and Churchwardins of S[t] Oswoldes in Durham that wheras heartofore their hath bene many faultes disorders and filtchinges commytted in and about the saide church by the negligence of inferior offecers, for preventinge wherof heareafter your peticioners and the rest of the parishioners have assembled themselves together and have conferred conserninge the same, and after dew consideration theirof have with one consent drawne certaine orders heareunto annexed with intent to have the same remaine of record in the church if the same may stand with your Worship's favore, which they humblie praye your Worship's favore to peruse, and so many theirof as to your mature wisdome shall seme fitt to be allowede to confirme the same in such manner as to your Worshipp shall seme good, and the rest theirof seminge superfluous to disannull and race out, which they humblie and instantlye crave at your Worship's handes to the ende the same may continew in effect and be of more force and credett in tyme to come. And they shall praye, &c.

I thinke these orders verie good and commendable, and give my consent theirunto this 29 of Marche, 1609.

Clement Colmore.

Edward Hutton, Official to the Deane and Chapter.

[The names of the twenty-four and others follow.]

VESTRY BOOK OF THE PARISH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DURHAM.

1665–1703.

APRILL THE 26th 1666.

The accompt of George Hodshon and Michell Olliver, churchwardens of the parrish of St Nicholas in Durham, from the 19th of May 1665 to the 27th of Aprill 1666. Made before Mr William Jurdon, Maior, &c.[1]

Receipts of Rents.—Inprimis Recd for one halfe year rent dew att Martinmas for Hole house,[2] 1 l. 6 s. 8 d. Item John Nicholson for his halfe years rent, 8 s. Item Anthony Emerson for the like, 3 s. 4 d. Item John Skellek for the same, 3 s. 4 d. Item James Roddam for his shop, 1 s. Item Christopher Dent for his, 2 s. 6 d. Item Widdow Crofton for her halfe year rent for hir house, dew att Martinmas past, 2 s. 6 d.——2 l. 7 s. 4 d.

Receipts of Lairestals.—Inprimis recd for Jane Thwait's

(1) It is to be observed that in this city parish the Mayor always presided over vestry meetings, and, 'with others of the said parish,' signed the accounts and the orders of vestry. There was here, as in other parishes in the diocese, a select vestry of twenty-four; but we find no allusion to it till the year 1687. See 'Rules to be observed' in that year. A list of members thereof is given for the first time in the year 1692.

(2) 'Hole House Farm. There is a farm (so-called) stated to be situate within the parish of Wolsingham which is supposed to have been given for the purpose of providing out of the rents thereof for the repairs of the parish church of St. Nicholas. By whom or at what period this was given is unknown; but it would appear that it has been demised from time to time since the year 1699. According to a statement made some years ago, it is described as consisting of a barn and stable, formerly a dwelling-house, and about eight acres of land, known as Dale Fields. The farm is now said to be let at a yearly rent of 20*l.* This money is carried to the general account of the churchwardens.'—Carlton's *Hist. Durham City Charities*, p. 131.

child, 1 s. 8 d. Item rec[d] M[r] Rowall for his wife lairestall, 3 s. 4 d. Item for M[r] John Bell child, 1 s. 8 d. Item for M[r] John Stokeld child, 1 s. 8 d. For M[r] John Hubbock child, 1 s. 8 d. M[r] Anthony Dayle child, 1 s. 6 d. George Sparke child, 1 s. 8 d. Henry Malond for a lairstall, 3 s. 4 d. Receaved of the precedent churchwardens, 12 s.——1 l. 8 s. 8 d. Do. Lazenby child lairstall, 1 s. 8 d. Tho. Hands son lairstall, 1 s. 8 d.

Recaipts for pews.[1]—Rec[d] of Richard Snawball for his seat in the second pew belonging to Ingraham Maugham joyneing to the church wall on the Sought, 1 s. George Burdon, Dyer, for his seat joyneing unto the South wall, 4 d. William Middleton son of Tho. Middleton his seat in the 5 pew joyneing to the font, 4 d. Rec[d] R[d] Steling and his bro. Geo. Taler for there seats in the Orging Loft, the first pew next the window, 2 s. Rec[d] Wheatly Dobson for the like, 1 s. Rec[d] John Walton for the same, 1 s. Rec[d] Michell Walker for his seat in the 1[st] pew on the right hand of the Orging Loft, 1 s. Rec[d] Robert Gray for the same, 1 s. Rec[d] Arthra Walton for the same, 1 s. Rec[d] Rob[t] Lamb for the same, 1 s. Rec[d] Hugh Johnson for his seat in the Orging Loft, 1 s.——10 s. 8 d.

A Sess laid the 17[th] Aprill 1666 for the Repaire of the Church by and with the concent of M[r] Maior, M[r] Samuell Marting, Curate; the Churchwardens and Sidemen, with others belonging the parrish of S[t] Nicholas in Durham. [*There follows a list of* 219 *names, with the sums due from each.*]

Disbursments 1665.—19[th] May, '65, paid for swearing the Churchwardings and Sidemen att the Bishop's visetation, 5 s. 6 d. Paid for the booke of articles, 1 s. 21 May, 1 quart of wine and brid at a comunion, 1 s. For ringing the bels att the Bishop's visetation, 1 s. For ringing on the 29 day of May, 6 s. June, P[d] for ringing att the Naval viktory, 6 s.[2] For ringing on the Thanksgiving day, 6 s. For ringing on the 5 of November, 6 s. 5 June, Paid M[r] Thirkeld[3] charges as by

(1) The payment for seats in pews (*i.e.* for first entry, not for annual rent) was in some cases, as we find ordered in the parish of Pittington, 4*d.* a seat, but more frequently 1*s.*, the charge probably depending on the kind of pew, or its situation in the church. Pews in the organ loft (which was kept locked, see below) were evidently select, 1*s.* being always charged for a seat in them.

(2) See p. 200, note (3).

(3) Mr. Thirkeld must have been curate. Samuel Martin occurs as incumbent in Surtees' list, 1663–1680.

order from Mr Maior, 9 s. 2 d. 2 July, Paid more by orders, 4 s. 22 June, Pd Edward Stott for the greet bell rope, 7 s. Pd for a rope to the Clok, 6 s. Pd John Catcheside for lethers for the bels, 3 s. ob. 15 August, Paid for Land Male,[1] 1 s. 9 d. 30th, Pd the plumer for 103 holes in the leads att 3 d., 1 l. 5 s. 0 d. For coals 5 d., for lead, Robert Hedly wages, and drinks with brid, 9 s.—9 s. 5 d. Pd Robert Midford for a book for the Fast, 2 s. 6 d.[2] 25 October, Paid for 4 men's charges to Easington, Archdeacon's visetation, 4 s.[3] Pd for 4 horses to Nicholas Corbridge, 5 s. For second book of articles, 3 s. 6 d. 18 November, Given An Turne by the Bishop and Justices' orders, travelling to Yorke, 3 s. 6 d. Gartrud Thompson and 2 children by the like, going for Hull, 3 s. Spent at the drawing up the presentments, 2 s. 4 d. 27th, Pd Robert Hedly for his wages, 14 s. 8 d. Pd Richard Liddle wages, 3 s. 4 d. Pd John Malond his wages, 1 l. 9 s. 4 d.[4] Pd James Olivant his wages for laying the lairstalls, 5 s. Pd for laying the stone step and stone at the East stile in the church yard,[5] 4 s. 6 d.

(1) '*Landmale*—a reserved rent charged upon a piece of land by the chief lord of the fee, or a subsequent mesne owner.'—Wright's *Provincial Dict.* This sum of 1*s.* 9*d.* was paid under the same head yearly.

(2) See p. 200, note (2).

(3) The archdeacon was Denis Granville, prebendary of the first stall in Durham Cathedral, 1662; archdeacon of Durham, with rectory of Easington annexed, 1662; rector of Elwick, 1664; rector of Sedgefield, 1667, on obtaining which preferment he resigned the rectory of Elwick; dean of Durham, 1684, retaining the archdeaconry and the livings of Easington and Sedgefield; fled from the deanery, 1688; deprived, 1691; died at Corbeil, 1703, and buried at Paris. (Introduction to *Granville's Remains*, Surtees, vol. xxxvii.) It seems that occasionally he held his visitations at his own place of residence. Similarly in 1668 and 1669 they go to Easington, and 1675 to Sedgefield, of which parish also he had then become rector, as has been shown above.

(4) This payment, which recurs yearly, was for charge of the church clock.

(5) There were formerly both a *fore* and a *back* churchyard, which are frequently mentioned in this book. The former was added to the market-place about the year 1841. It extended as far as the flat pavement now on the south side of the church. There was a narrow passage between its boundary wall and the piazza shown in old views. The 'back churchyard' was a smaller portion of ground on the north of the church, now partly occupied by the Sunday school, and including the piece of grass supported by a burr wall, and elevated above the lane which runs down towards the river on the north. It included also a detached portion on the west of the church—now a yard to the new market and town hall—which was separated from the west door of the church by a narrow passage, over which a drawbridge was let down for carrying corpses out.

John Nickleson for 1 slott and 2 staples for the Quiar doore, 1 s. For sharpeing the church hack, 3 d. P[d] for shoule iron and Cotteralls, 1 s. 20 February, P[d] M[r] Ra. Hedley for the monition, 6 s. 8 d. P[d] Henry Gastell for bringing it, 1 s. P[d] Richard Littlefaire for dressing the churchyard 2 severall tymes, 1 s. 4 d. P[d] Tho. Browne for woork about the bels and church as by note, and a Lettiny deske,[1] 12 s. 6 d.; 2 yards ¼ ½ black Paddua searge and silk for a cloth for the deske, 8 s. 6 d. P[d] for 6 yards ½ fring by note at 8½ d., 4 s. 6 d. P[d] for a new accompt book, 4 s. 6 d. P[d] William Dixson for a spring lok for the Orging loft doore, 2 s. 6 d. P[d] for lime for the church, 2 s. 4 d. P[d] James Ollivant for 2 days woork about the leads, 2 s. 10 d. P[d] a labourer for 2 days, 1 s. 4 d. P[d] for a book for the Fast day, 8 d. P[d] to R[d] Hedly for the cloath makeing for the Lettenny desk, and setteing the fringe on it, 1 s. P[d] for weshing the sirpluths, 8 s.——11 l. 19 s. 2 d.

Disbursments 17[th] Februarij, '65. Paid for renewing the Church plate as by note,[2] 1 l. 17 s. 0 d. P[d] for 3 els sercnet for M[r] Thirkeld,[3] 1 l. 11 s. 6 d. P[d] for the carridge of it from Lon-

(1) See p. 200, note (1).

(2) The chalice with cover, 'renewed' and 'florrished' this year, remains, bearing the London hall mark, date 1665–66. Its height, without the cover, is 6½ inches. On it, in flourished letters within a wreath, is the inscription, *Calix Benedictionis Sci Nicholai Dunelm.* 1665; and on the foot of the cover, which, as usual, served the purpose of a paten, the date 1665, also within a wreath. Another silver cup, 8½ inches in height, with a cover, or paten, which fits it, and two silver flagons, 11 inches in height, with covers attached to the handles, were given to the church in 1686. Both have the London hall mark, date 1685–86. On the cup a shield is engraved, bearing: Party per fesse, 6 martlets, for Fenwick, impaling a chevron between 3 demi-lions; on a chief 3 chaplets, for Hall, beneath which is the inscription: *The Gift of Mary Fenwick Widd of M[r] W[m] Fenwick of Newton Garres Deceas'd & the only daughter & Heir of Alderman John Hall Vintner for the Communion Service of S[t] Nicholas Durham.* On the flagon a saltire, engrailed between four wolves' heads erased, for Clarke, impaling Hall, as above, and below them the inscription: *Given to y[e] Parish Church of S[t] Nicholas in The Citie of Durham by M[rs] Ann Clark Widdow. Sister to John Hall Esq[re] one of y[e] Aldermen of y[e] said Cittie.* 1686. All these remain, and are specified in the inventory of utensils in the year 1702, which see. Other silver articles now in use are a paten with foot, 7½ inches in diameter—hall mark, London, 1708–9—and a pair of alms' basins 14¾ inches in diameter—hall mark, Edinburgh, 1841–42—the gift of Thomas Wilkinson, Esq., of Old Elvet.

(3) This would be for a preacher's gown. The parish provided the minister also with a tippet. See A.D. 1670.

don, 2 s. 4 d. P^d to John Major for cutting and florrishing the plate,[1] 3 s. P^d for drawing two sedules, 1 s. 6 d.—£3 15 4

	11	19	2
Disbursed	15	14	6
Received	16	7	8
Left in our hands		13	2
Rec^d since for a larestall		3	4

Sean and allowed by us
Wm Jordan, Maior.

More paid out since the stateing of the accompt as followeth. Paid for a great lok and key for the greet chest, and seting it on, 2 s. 8 d. P^d for drawing the presentment and att swearing the churchwardens and sidemen, 5 s. 2 d.

Disbursed . .	£16	2	4
Rents . . .	£2	7	4
Lairstalls . .	1	12	0
Pews . . .	0	10	8
Sess . . .	11	6	2
Rec^d . . .	15	16	2
Uncollected . .		14	0
Receved total . .	16	10	2
Paid . . .	16	2	4
Resting . . .	0	7	10

Moneys receved for the infected (by Breifs) and paid over to Mr Robt Newhouse as followeth.[2]——Inprimis, 3 August, Collected and paid over as by note, 1 l. 0 s. 1½ d. 7 Sept., Collected, 1 l. 7 s. 2 d. 4 October, Collected, 12 s. 4 d.

(1) See p. 219, note (2).

(2) 'By Breifs' 2da *manu*. The monthly collections from August to March, here separately entered and added up, may be supposed to have been for those 'infected' by the plague. See above, p. 200. As to briefs generally, see p. 76, note (1). The collections under them in the parish of St. Nicholas being numerous and interesting, all references to them are included in the following extracts.

8 November, Collected, 13 s. 10 d. 6 December, Collected, 1 l. 1 s. 8 d. 3 January, Collected, 19 s. 7 February, Collected, 8 s. 4 d. 7 March, Collected, 7 s. 7½ d.——P[d] over, 6 l. 10 s. 1 d.

More Collected upon Breifes.—27 May '65, Collected for a fiar by a Breife in the towne of Flookbrough in Lankester, 10 s. 6½ d. 11 June, Upon a Breife for Westchester, 14 s. 3½ d. 25[th], Collected for the towne of Lankester, 10 s. 6½ d. 13 August, For Fiar in Lumly, 1 l. 0 s. 2½ d. 26 October, For fiar in the towne of Sherrif Hailles in the County Stafford, 19 s. 7d. 21 January, For the church Salop in Clun, 18 s. 4½ d. 18 March, Collected for John Vaughan, Ireland, for loss by sea amounting to 1350 l., 13 s. 8½ d.——Paid over, 5 l. 7 s. 3 d.

Recaipts of Legisies.—Inprimis, Receved of M[r] Jurdon, Major, for M[r] Frankland legisie, 7 s. 4 d. More for M[r] Hutchinson legysy, 1 l. 0 s. 0 d. M[r] Cuming for M[r] Suirtes legysy, 6 s. 8 d. Mathew Mann for Anthony Fawell legicy, 10 s. John Heslope for John Sparks legisy, 10 s. Of the Dean and Chapter for the poor, 4 l. 0 s. 0 d.——6 l. 14 s. 0 d.

Paid it over as followeth to the poore.—(*There follow* 81 *names, with the sums given to each.*)

Sean and allowed by us, W[m] Jordon, Maior.

Memorandum, that upon the 30[th] day of May 1666 there was delivered unto Jarrerd Welberry and Abraham Paxton, churchwardens of S[t] Nicholas parish in Durham, the particulers following. Inprimis, 2 books for the Morning Prayer of a large volume ; 1 greet Bible ; 2 greet books chened to the pillow ; a book of the King woorks ;[1]——2 large puter flaggons for the Comunion ; 2 plates ; 1 silver challis with a cover ;[2] 2 basons, and 2 boxes for the counterparts of several leses ; 3 sirpluths ; 1 black plush cloath for the pulput, and a quistion of the same ; 1 black cloath for the Comunion Table ; another for the Lettenny desk ; 1 lyning table cloath with a fring ; 1 squair napkin belonging to it ; 1 small booke for the Fast day ;[3]

(1) The '2 greet books' were, as appears from the inventory for 1667–68, the Paraphrases of Erasmus and Jewel's Controversy with Harding, as to the latter of which see p. 66, note (1). 'The King Woorks,' described in the year 1671–72 as 'the booke of the King and Parliament's Proceedings,' was doubtless 'ΒΑΣΙΛΙΚΑ, The Workes of King Charles the Martyr; with a Collection of Declarations, Treaties, and other Papers, concerning the Differences betwixt his sacred Majesty and his two Houses of Parliament. London, 1662, folio, 2 vols., with portrait by Hertochs.'—Lowndes.

(2) See above, p. 219, note (2).

(3) For the plague. See above, p. 200, note (2).

1 pillow to put the sirpluths in; the old Count-booke.—Paid over at the same time in moneys, which rest in our hands, 7 s. 10 d.

[The accounts for the year 1665–6, with which the earliest vestry-book extant in the parish of S[t] Nicholas begins, have been given, as found in the book, in full, with the exception of the lists of the names of ratepayers and of recipients of alms, which have been omitted. In the years that follow, entries which recur regularly year after year, and such as appear to be of no peculiar interest, are also omitted. Among such are, not only the lists of names aforesaid, which are carefully recorded every year, but also receipts of rents for houses, of the interest of legacies for the poor, of the Christmas gift for the poor of 4 l. from the Dean or Dean and Chapter (continued annually till 1677), and of payments received for lairstalls (3 s. 4 d. for an adult, and 1 s. 8 d. for a child), which are continued to the end of the book; and also the inventories of books and church utensils (except when any variation or addition requires to be noticed), delivered in successive years by the Churchwardens to their successors. Among the disbursements, also, such as are recurrent or ordinary are omitted. But all entries that relate to pews and seats therein, to visitations and ecclesiastical discipline, or to collections under briefs, will still be given in full, together with any others that seem to be of peculiar interest.]

April 1667.

The accompt &c. from 29 Aprill 1666 to 19 Aprill 1667, made before M[r] Thomas Mascall, Major &c.

Receipts of rents.—4 l. 14 s. 8 d. *For leases renewed.*—Rec[d] of John Skathlocke for his lease for 21 yeares, and uppon the surrender of a former which was a ij yeares in being, 10 s. Of James Rodham for his lease for 21 yeares, 12 s. *In toto*, 5 l. 16 s. 8 d.

Receipts for lairestalls.—2 l. 4 s. 8 d.

Collected upon Breifes.—Ap. 9, 1666, For Nathan Hoyle for a fire in Yorkshire, 17 s. 2½ d. May 20, Upon the Breife for the poore of Hartlepoole, 1 l. 0 s. 0 d. Oct. 7, Upon the Breefe of one John Osborne, a Russia Marchant, for his losse at sea, 1 l. 0 s. 11 d. Oct. 10, For the fire at London,[1] paid over to M[r] Rob[t] Newhouse, 4 l. 17 s. 4 d. March 17, Upon

(1) The fire in London broke out September 3, 1666.

order of the Lo. Bishop for one John Lawson of Chester, smith, for a fire, 12 s. Paid over, 8 l. 7 s. 6 d.

Receipts for Pewes.—Rec[d] of Ralph Nicholson for his seat in the back pew joining upon the porch, 1 s. Of Abraham Paxton for 2 seats in the stall built by John Inglebee for him and his wife,[1] 1 s. 8 d. Of Ralph Lumly for his seat in the 3rd pew formerly belonging to Christopher Dixon, 4 d. Of George Etherington for his seate in the same pew formerly belonging to Mathew Charlton, 4 d. Of Edward Hodgon for his seate in the same pew formerly belonging to Steven Hodgon, 4 d. Of John Grey for his seat in the 4th stall next the church wall, 4 d., and for exchange for a seate in the stall next the wall, 2 d. *Total*, 3 s. 2 d.

Disbursements.—May, '66. Paid upon their sweareing att the Archdeacon's visitation at Easter, 3 s. 4 d. P[d] to Anne Hedley for 3 yards and ½ of cloth for the sleeves of the Clerke's surplice,[2] 7 s. To Jane Salley for makeing the said sleeves, 2 s. 29[th]: For rushes for stroweing the church,[3] 5 s. 4 d. June 4: To Robert Forster for draweing over in parchment a Catalogue of Baptisms Weddings and Burialls for the yeare bypast, 3 s. 6 d. 15[th]: P[d] Robt Hedley, etc., for ringing for a victory, 6 s.[4] For crameing the shovell, 2 d. For a forelocke and cottrell, 2 d. 25[th]: For mending M[r] Martin's 2 surples necks, 2 s. 6 d. Aug. 3: For ringing for the victory against

(1) The custom of allowing individuals to build pews for themselves and their families, paying for the space, occurs in the St. Oswald's book as early as 1608. See p. 150, note (1). Cf. Introduction to Pittington Book, p. 3 (*Pews*), and what is said in the general Preface on the subject. Both at St. Nicholas and St. Oswald it seems to have been only for themselves and their wives that men at first usually built pews, sons and daughters being apparently left to shift for themselves. The faculty pews, however, which soon became frequent, were for whole families. Similarly at Pittington, when appropriated seats were first assigned to women, it was at first, with one or two exceptions, only for wives. See Pittington Book, p. 80, note (1).

(2) See p. 79, note (1). The clerk's surplice is again referred to in A.D. 1679 and 1698, showing that the custom continued after the Restoration, at any rate in the diocese of Durham, to the close of the seventeenth century at least.

(3) Rushes are often mentioned in subsequent years, as strewn, at Whitsuntide and other times, on the floor of the church, including that of the pews. It does not appear whether the church was so far flagged. That of St. Oswald was flagged A.D. 1607–8, that of Houghton A.D. 1604, that of Pittington apparently A.D. 1634. See p. 97, and p. 148, note (1).

(4) See p. 201, note (2).

the Dutch,[1] 6 s. 23rd: For ringing upon the Thankesgiveing day, 6 s. Sept. 3: Robt Forster for drawing over a booke for the Fast,[2] 1 s. Oct. 3: For draweing a presentment, 1 s. 6 d. Att the presentment delivering in, 2 s. 4 d. Nov. 5: For dressing the backe churchyard, 1 s. 6 d. Novemb. 17: For mending the surplus necke and for frankincence,[3] 1 s. Dec. 15: To Robt Midford for 2 bookes, 3 s. Dec. 17: For ringing for the victory against the Scotts, 2 s. 6 d. Feb. 9: To Mr Roper 3 yeares rent which was in arreare to his Majestie out of the churchyard,[4] 1 s. 6 d. April 4, 1667: Spent at the drawing up our last presentment, 1 s. Laid out upon the sweareing the new churchwardens at the visitation, 3 s. 8 d. For stateing the accounts and the presentment draweing, 3 s. 6 d. *Disbursed*, 8 l. 14 s. 6 d. *Recd*, 8 l. 6 s. 10 d. *Out of burse*, 7 s. 8 d. Seene and allowed by Thom Mascall, Maior.

Legacies, &c. (In addition to the interest of the legacies noted last year and the 4 l. from Mr Deane) Recd more for Mr Jordan's legacy, 5 l. *Total*, 10 l. 17 s. 9 d.

(N.B.—No 'Sesse' mentioned this year.)

1667. From 19 April 1667 to 1 July 1668, before Mr Henry Wanlesse, Maior.

Receipts of rents, 7 l. 2 s. 0 d. *Receipts for lairstalls*, 2 l. 1 s. 8 d.

Receipts for pews.—Inprimis of Raiph Gowland heire to Gilbert Lowson deceased for his pew under the pulpit, 4 d. Item of Thomas Hopper for his father's stall. 4 d.

A Sesse laid the 8th day of March 1667 for the repairs of the church and with the consent of Mr Henry Wanless, Major, Mr Samuell Martyn, Curate, the Churchwardens and Sydemen, with others belonginge to the parish of St Nicholas in Durham. *Total*, 6 l. 5 s. 9½ d. *Total of Legacies &c.*, 7 l. 1s. 6 d.

Collected upon Breifes.—May 12: For a fire at Hinxton in Cambridgeshire, 18 s. June 9: For a fire at Melcomb Regis, 17 s. July 7: For the towne of Poole, 1 l. 1 s. 0 d. Aug. 4: For

(1) See p. 201, note (2).
(2) For the Fire of London. See p. 202, note (1).
(3) See Preface (*Frankincense*).
(4) This rent in the year 1683 is paid to 'the King's auditors,' and is called 'Chantry rent': being so called also A.D. 1680. It may have been for a portion of the churchyard formerly occupied by a chantry, which had been seized by the Crown.

a fire at Worksopp in Notinghamshire, 19 s. For a fire at Lougborough in Leicestershire, 1 l. 7 s. 4 d. Oct. 27 : Upon a speciall order from Commissioners at Westminster for Mr Mathew Bagnall, 18 s. 6 d. November 1 : For Francis Ferry of Hett by order of Sessions for losse by fire, 13 s. *Total,* 6 l. 13 s. 10 d.

Disbursements.—For rashes at Whit. 1667, 3 s. For dressing the churchyard, 8 d. For a new Service book, 11 s. 6 d. Att the visitation the 11th October, 3 s. 6 d. For draweing two presentments, 1 s. 6 d. For takeing away the miding of ashes out of the churchyard, 1 s. 4 d. Out of burse upon a fyne att the Sessions about repaireing the church staires in Mr Thompson's maioralty, 16 s. For casting the rubbish over the wall out of the back churchyard, 4 s. 11 d. More for the same, 1 s. Drinks, 11 d. For a 18 burthen of rushes att Midsummer last, '68, 4 s. 6 d. For 11 foot of raile, 12 d. ; 1 dayes worke about the pewes mending, 18 d. To the ringers at the Bishop's comeing, 2 s. 6 d. Att the Bishop's visitation spent, 2 s. 6 d. For the accounts booking and a presentment drawing, 3 s. 6 d. For frankensence and juniper, 6 d.[1] For bread and wine to the Communion last, 1s. 10 d. *Total,* 16 l. 2 s. 9 d.

(N.B. In the Inventory of 'Particulers' this year the '3 great bookes chained to 2 pillers are specified as 'Jewell and Harding, Erasmus-Paraphrase, and the King's workes.' Also 'one linne pillow to put the surpluses in,' instead of 'one pillow,' &c.)

1668. FROM 1 JULY, 1668, to 5 MAY, 1669, &C.

Receipts of rents, 2 l. 7 s. 4 d.—*Do. of Lairstalls,* 2 l.—*Sesse,* 7 l. 11 s. 8 d.—*Receipts of legacies,* 6 l. 4 s. 0 d.—*Collected upon Breifes* : For the fire at Newport in the County of Salopp, 1 l. 6 s. 8 d. Nov. 22 : For the releife of the captives in Tunis and Algier, 1 l. 3 s. 5 d. Feb. 14 : Upon the breefe for a fire at Haverhill in Suffolk, 1 l. 0 s. 7 d.——*Total,* 3 l. 10 s. 8 d.

Receipts for pewes.—Of Nicholas Lee for a seat in the Organ loaft, 1 s. Of Nicholas Sheffield Cordwainer for a seate in the said place, 1 s. Of John Bainbridge for a stall next to the great church doore on the East syde next to the pulpitt, 4 d. Of Christopher Shaw for a seat in the said stall late

(1) Juniper was used, as well as frankincense, for fumigation. See Preface ('Frankincense'), and Pittington Book, p. 28, note (1).

belonging to his father, 4 d. For Christo. Nicholson wife[1] in the third pew in the middle Alle for hir seat, 1 s.

Disbursements.—Inprimis, July 1668, paid at the Bishop's visitacion to Mr Robt. Newhouse and John Midford upon sweareing our-selves and sydemen, 6 s. 8 d.; and for a booke of articles, 18 d., in toto, 8 s. 6 d. For a presentment drawing and expences thereabout at the visitacion of Mr Archdeacon att Michael., 2 s. 2 d. More for sweareing the sydemen and our-selves and for a new book of articles, 5 s. 6 d. For bread and wine att Michaelmas Communion, 3 s. 3 d. For the like att a Communion in January, 3 s. For bread and wine att the severall Communions att Easter 1669, 17 s. 8 d. For repaireing the Vestrey staires and a wall att the Church end, 3 s. 10 d. For a balance swape for the clock, 5 s. For bookeing these accounts and the presentment drawing, 3 s. 6 d. For swearing the churchwardens and our charges at the Archdeacon's visitation holden at Easington the 5th May, 8 s.—*In toto*, 11 l. 12 s. 9 d.

1669. From 5 May, 1669, to 16 April, 1670.

Rents, 4 l. 14 s. 8 d.—*Fine for leases of two houses*, 10 s. *Lairstalls*, 1 l. 8 s. 4 d.—*Receipts for pewes*: Of Mr Raiph Pemberton for a seat for his wife in the pew newly erected upon the backe of the Aldermen's wives' pew, 1 s. Of Clement Ladler for a seat for his wife in the said pew, 1 s. Of George Ridley in the New Place, pewtherer, for a seat for his wife in that pew wherein Raiph Nicholson's wife doth sitt next to the piller where the King's booke doth hang. Item of him the said George for a seate for himselfe in the pew next adjoyning on the backe of the pew belonging to Shacklock Hall.[2] For both rec^d^, 1 s. Of John Walton younger for a

(1) This and similar entries show that in the original arrangement of the pews those for women were apart from those for men. It seems (so far, at any rate, as these books show) to have been in the case of pews which parishioners had been allowed to build for themselves that men began first to sit with their wives beside them: but at first their wives only, not their families. As time went on, the churchwardens assigned existing pews to men and their wives together; but it seems to have been under faculties that the system of appropriated pews for families began.

(2) The editor is informed by Wm. Henderson, Esq., formerly of Durham, that this hall (of which the proper spelling, he says, is Shakelock) stood, surrounded by a large garden, beyond the 'Back-lane' to the north

seate for his wife adjoyning on the piller where the King's booke hangeth, 1 s. And for himselfe a seat being the 3rd pew on the South Alley, 1 s.—*Total*, 5 s.—*Sesse, in toto*, 13 l. 19 s. 4 d.—*Legacies &c.*, 6 l. 1 s. 6 d.

Breefes.—Sept. 19: Collected upon a Breefe for a fire att Burton upon Stather, 11 s. 9 d. Upon a speciall order by his Majestie and Councell touching the losse sustained by Mr John Armitage and Tho. Trevors, 14 s. 4 d.

Disbursements.—May the 5th att Easington att the Archdeacon's visitation for charges laid out, 11 s. 6 d. 27th: For Mr Mayor's wife and the Aldermen's wives' pew makeing, 3 s. 6 d.[1] May 29th: For bread and wine att the Communion then, 2 s. 2 d. October 10th: For bread and wine att the Communion then, 2 s. 2 d. For dressing the back laine, 8 d. 25th: For the presentment drawing att the then Archdeacon's visitation, 1 s. Item the said day for charges at the visitation att Houghton for 5 horses hire and other incident charges, 13 s. 8 d. December 15th: To John Coulson for a new furme in the churchyard with nailes to the same, 5 s. December 26th: For bread and wine then att the Communion, 2 s. 2 d. For wine at the severall Communions on Palme Sunday and Easter weeke and day, 19 s. For bread for the same, 10 d. For a double tumbler for the clock, 4 s. 6 d. For a new nutt for the same, 6 s. Item more, one yard and ½ of greene base for the Major's wife's pew, 3 s.—*In toto*, 21 l. 16 s. 2 d.

Inventory of 'Particulers.' Instead of 'one linne pillow,' 'one Pillober.'

1670. From 16 April, 1670, to 3 July, 1671.

Rents, 4 l. 14 s. 8 d.—*Lairstalls*, 1 l. 11 s. 8 d.—*More for rents and lairstalls*, 1 l. 6 s. 6 d.—*Receipts for pews*: Thomas Browne Junr for a stall for his wife Margaret Browne in the fourth pew or stall, 1 s.—*Receipts of Legacies, &c.*, 6 l. 0 s. 6 d.

of the church, and was pulled down by Messrs. Henderson & Co., perhaps soon after 1840, to enable them to use the site for the extension of their carpet-factory works. He describes it as 'a fine building, probably of the middle of the last century.' If so, the house he remembers must have superseded an older one.

(1) The mayor's and aldermen's wives appear to have been now for the first time distinguished by having a pew to themselves. It seems to have been grander than ordinary ones, being lined with 'greene base.' See below.

Receipts of Breefes.—May 1[st]: Upon an order from the Lo. Bishop and Sessions dated the 12[th] of January, 21 Caroli 2[nd] Regis, being for a fire att Darlington in this County, 18 s. 8 d. May 15[th]: Upon a breefe for a fire att Meolebrace in the County of Salopp, 16 s. 4 d. July 31[st]: Upon the breefe for a fire att Wolsingham in this County, 19 s. 6 d. October 30[th]: Upon the breefe for a fire att Isleham in Cambridgeshire, 15 s. *Total*, 3 l. 9 s. 6 d.

Disbursements.—Aprill the 15[th] 1670 att the day of the Archdeacon's visitation disbursed, 5 s. 10 d. Ap. 20[th]: Upon giveing in of the presentment into the Court, 2 s. 6 d. For M[r] Martin a new surplesse being 8 yards and halfe a quarter of fine cloth att 2 s. 8 d. per yard, 1 l. 3 s. 0 d. For makeing of the same, 7 s. 6 d. For Birkes for the church at Whitsontide, 1 s. 8 d.[1] To Lancelot Dunn for the pewes of the church

(1) *Birkes,* i.e. branches of birch, are mentioned in subsequent years as being set up in the church at Whitsuntide. E.g., A.D. 1672: 'For birkes, and putting them up;' and in 1673: 'For seting the birches and strowing the reshes, and dresing the church.' The rushes used for covering the floor appear also to have been renewed at Whitsuntide. The old ones which were removed may have formed a constituent of the 'manure,' which we find from time to time carried away from the 'back churchyard.' But to return to 'birches.' They are still similarly used on the Continent. A correspondent speaks of their being carried in procession and set up in the churchyards or churches on Corpus Christi Day in Switzerland, the Tyrol, and the Black Forest. For evidence of their former use in England at Whitsuntide a contributor to *Notes and Queries* refers to Herrick ('Ceremonies for Candlemasse Eve'):

'When yew is out, then birch comes in,
  And many flowers beside,
Both of a fresh and fragrant kinne,
  To honour Whitsuntide.'
    (C. C. D. in *Notes and Queries*, 3rd Ser., v. 73)

Further, in Ellis's edition of Brand's *Popular Antiquities* we find, 'Johnson, in his edition of Gerarde's *Herbal,* speaking of the Birch Tree, p. 1478, says: "It serveth well to the decking up of houses and banquetting-rooms, for places of pleasure, and for beautifying of streets in the *Crosse* or *Gang Week,* and such like"' (vol. i. p. 172). Rogation Week (*i.e.* the next but one before Whitsunday) was called *Gang Week* (Sax. *Gang-dagar*) from the perambulations of parishes which took place on the Rogation days before Holy Thursday, and *Cross Week* (as in Dutch, *Crays-week*) from the Cross carried in procession on those occasions. (See note to Brand, in *loc. cit.*) We may suppose that the *birches* which had been carried in the perambulations were afterwards set up in the church; and thus the custom of so decorating churches at Whitsuntide (retained in the parish of St. Nicholas, at least throughout the seventeenth century) may have originated.

dressing and for rashes laying in every pew the 21st of July, 1670, 8 s. For Matts layd into Mr Mayor's and the Aldermen's pew,[1] 8 d. For a pottle of drinke and a manchett to the workemen, 5 d. For the velvett quishon mending, for 1 lb. and a half of flox 9 d., silke 1 d., for cloth covering it, 12 d.—1 s. 10 d. To the clarke for the presentment drawing att the Michaelmas visitation, 1 s., and for entertainment to the Minister then, 3 s. 4 d. To the officers of the Court att the Archdeacon's visitation for the fees of the presentment delivered, and our dinners, 5 s. 8 d. Paid att the Quarter Sessions for cleareing of this parish from Mr Curtis, 1 l. 12 s. 6 d. For a tippett for Mr Thirkeld, 15 s. 3 d. More in charges and other business in attending two Quarter Sessions in getting Mr Curtis cleared from being chargeable to the parish, 6 s. 8 d. Att the Communion June 12th, 2 quarts of wine and two manchetts, 2 s. 2 d. September 11th, att the Communion then for two quarts of wine and 2 manchetts, 2 s. 2 d. To John Maland for makeing a new divider to the clock, 3 s. For wine att the Communion upon Palme Sunday, Sky Thursday,[2] and Good Friday, with

(1) It seems that the aldermen's pew was now distinguished above others by having 'matts,' and not merely rushes, on its floor.

(2) Maundy Thursday is again called Sky Thursday in the disbursements for 1671–72, and in those for 1676–77 *Skies Thursday.* This unusual name, from its form as well as for other reasons, we may conclude to be of Danish origin, carrying us back to the time when the Danes in England received the faith. In old Norse, or Icelandic, the name for it is *Skíri-þorsdagr*, and also *Skír-dagr*, from *skíra,* meaning *to purify, to wash, to baptise.* John the Baptist is called *Skíri-Jon.* The same word exists in Gothic as *skeir*, in Anglo-Saxon as *scir*, in English as *sheer*, in the sense of *bright, pure, simple.* Thursday before Easter may be supposed to have received this name from the washing of feet customary on the day, after the example of our Lord; or perhaps also from the absolution and readmission into the church of penitents on the day, whence in Austria it is called *Antlatz-tag.* It was eminently a day of *cleansing.* The Danish name is still *Skier-torsdag.* A like name seems thus to have lingered in these northern parts past the middle of the seventeenth century; and it would be easy and natural for a word pronounced as *skyre* to become *sky* when its meaning was lost. The scribe who in 1677 wrote *Skies* may have had a vague notion that the heavens were denoted by it.

Another name of the day, well known to have been once in use elsewhere in England, viz. *Shere Thursday*, is usually explained as having had reference to the practice of cutting, or *shearing*, the hair against Easter on Maundy Thursday. So in Brand's *Popular Antiquities*, on the authority of an ancient homilist:—'Shere Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, and is so called "for that in old Fathers days the people would that day shere theyr hedes and clypp theyr berdes and pool theyr heedes, and so

Easter Day, and Sunday the 7th of May, 1671, being 24 quarts att xij d. per quart, is 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. Item for manchett bread, 1 s. For 4 quarts and one pinte of wine att the Communion January the first, and two manchetts, 2 d.—4 s. 8 d. Item June 8th for 3 quarts of wine and bread for the Communion then, 3 s. 3 d. For a wheele mending, and two forelockes, coteralls, and nailes, 5 s. 4 d. *Disbursed in toto*, 18 l. 15 s. 5 d. *Receipts in toto*, 18 l. 15 s. 6 d.

1671. FROM 3 JULY, 1671, TO 9 MAY, 1672.

Rents, 3 l. 16 s. 6 d.—*Lairstalls*, 1 l. 6 s. 8 d.— *Sesse*, 9 l. 9 s. 11 d.

Breifes.—July 31 : Upon his Majestie's Breife for redemption of the captives in Turkey, paid into the Bpp's Register's

make them honest against Easterday."—From an old homily quoted in the *Weekly Packet of Advice from Rome*, i. p. 168. See also the *Festival*, 1511, fol. 31.' In the note, however, on the above passage in Ellis's 'Brand,' a writer in the *Gentleman's Magazine* for July 1779 (vol. xlix. p. 349) is quoted as suggesting a different derivation, thus:—'Maundy Thursday, called by Collier *Shier* Thursday, Cotgrave calls by a word of the same sound and import, *Sheere* Thursday. Perhaps, for I can only go upon conjecture, as *sheer* means *purus, mundus*, it may allude to the washing of the disciples' feet (John xiii. 5, *seq.*), and be tantamount to "clean." See ver. 10; and Lye's *Saxon Dictionary*, v. ſciꞃ. Please to observe, too, that on that day *they also washed the altars*, so that the term in question may allude to that business. See Collier's *Eccles. Hist.* vol. ii. p. 197.' There can be little doubt that this writer was on the right scent, the term *sky*, retained in these northern parts, being confirmatory of his view. For *sky* (originally, as we have seen reason to suppose, pronounced *skyre*) could not have had anything to do with *shearing*, while its probable relationship to *shere* is obvious. The Norse *sk* would naturally be retained in the north, where the Norse element of race was predominant; while in the south the softer form *sch*, further softened eventually to *sh*, would be likely to prevail. The vowels *i* and *e* are known to be easily transmutable, and with regard to the initial consonants, it may be observed that the intermediate form, *schere*, occurs in the *Revelation to the Monk of Evesham* (supposed to have been written *circa* 1196), where we find: 'Sothly on thes euyn of *schere-thursdaye* in the whiche nyght the office and seruice of owr lord ihesu cryste ys tradicion and passion was solemly songe wyth grete deuocion' (*English Reprints*, vol. viii., edited by Edward Arber; London, 1869). Thus the current interpretation of *Shere Thursday*, in common with many other commonly accepted derivations of words, appears to be wrong, notwithstanding the authority of the mediæval homilist, or any other. The origin of the mistake is easily understood; for when the original meaning of the word had passed out of sight, it would be natural to associate it with the *shearing* practised on the day.

Office, 2 l. 1 s. 9 d. Aug. 20: Upon the Breife for the fire in the town of Halton in Yorkshire, 17 s. 9 d. Sept. 17: Upon the Breefe for Stephen Harrison in this towne, 8 s. 1½ d. Nov. 1: For the fire att the city of Oxford, 12 s. 5½ d. Dec. 24: Upon an order from the then Lo. Bpp. of this diocess for the fire in the Hallgarth Streete within the suburbs of this citty, 12 s. 3 d. *In toto*, 4 l. 13 s. 4 d.

Legacies (Additional).—Of Mr Samuell Martin upon some bodyes charitable guift, 1 l. Of the Lady Bellasis guift, 1 l. Of Mr Gabriell Jackson's bequest, 3 l. 6 s. 0 d. *In toto*, 11 l. 8 s. 2 d.

Disbursements.— The 7th of June for the presentment drawing, 1 s., and for a booke of articles and charges of fees att the Bpp's visitation, 6 s. 6 d.; in toto, 7 s. 6 d. For the ringers then, 6 s. 6 d. For rushes and dressing the church to Barnfather's wife and others, 7 s. 10 d. For a new necke to Mr Martin's surples paid to his daughter, 2 s. 6 d. For bread and wine att the Communion October the first, 2 s. 8 d. For leather about the bellropes being strong bend leather, 5 s. For the presentment drawing, Court fees, and entertainement to the Minister att the Archdeacon's visitation att Michaelmas, 7 s. For the Communion on New Yeare's day in bread and wine, 4 s. 2 d. For wine att the Communion upon Palme Sunday, Sky Thursday, Good Fryday, Easter Day, and the 21st of Aprill, being in all 25 quarts att xij d. a quart, in toto, 1 l. 5 s. For bread to the severall Communions att Easter, 1 s. 2 d. *Disbursed in toto*, 15 l. 11 s. 1 d.

Inventory of 'Particulers.'—As in former years, except that for 'the Kinge's workes' is written, 'the booke of the King and Parliament's Proceedeings.'

1672. From 13 May, 1672, to 2 May, 1673.

Rents, 4 l. 14 s.—*Pewes*: Of Christopher Jolley for his seate in the pew joyning to the pulpitt staires, and his wife, 2 s. Of [*illegible*] for the exchange of his pew unto the pew next the great church doore, 4 d. Of Joseph Dunn for his pew belonging to the house wherein he now lives, being the second seat on the South syde, 4 d.[1]—*For lairstalls*, 2 l. 6 s. 8 d.—*Sesse*,

(1) There are several other instances of pews belonging to houses in the parish, and passing, as by customary right, to new possessors of such houses. But in all such cases the control of the churchwardens over seats in church was acknowledged by payment for entry from the new occupier of the pew.

8 l. 4 s. 5 d.—*Breifes.* July 7: Upon the Breefe for a fire in Kellington in the West Rideing of Yorkshire, 15 s. 6 d. May 26: Upon the Breefe for a fyre in Lygrave in the parish of Luton in the County of Bedford, 18 s. 8 d. July 26: Upon the Breefe for the Sugarrhouses in London, 1 l. 16 s. 3 d. *In toto*, 3 l. 10 s. 5 d.

Legacies (Additional).—Of Mr Samuell Martin, Minister, upon some bodyes charitable guift, 1 l. *In toto*, 7 l. 1 s. 6 d.

Disbursements.—May 14: In Court charges att the Archdeacon's visitation, 5 s. 3 d. For the presentments drawing, 1 s. To Robt Healey for birkes and putting them up, and the church dressing, 4 s. 6 d. June the 2nd, for bread and wine to the Communion then, 2 s. 2 d. To Mr Hodgson for a yeard of stuffe for the pulpit quishon, 4 s. For feathers for stuffing the same, 2 s. For two knops for the same, 1 s. For makeing the same to Robt Healey, 1 s. For drinke when the pewes were mended, 6 d. For mending the Lattany deske, 1 s. 4 d. To Mr Martin's daughter for mending of severall holes in the lining table cloth, 1 s. Item spent in beare, 4 d. For halfe a yard of Scotch lynn for laying the Communion lyning up in, 7 d. For bread and wine att Michaelmas Communion, 3 s. 2 d. For the presentment drawing att Michaelmas visitation, 1 s. October the 12th, paid in the Court fees att the visitation, 3 s. 6 d. In giveing entertainment to the Minister &c. att the said visitation, 7 s. 6 d. To John Coulson for worke and shillbord for the bells, 4 s. For bread and wine att the Communion December the 29th, 3 s. 2 d. For a crooke for a lanthorne hanging in the porch, 2 d. Att the severall Communions att Easter, being for 24 quarts of wine, 1 l. 4 s. For bread then, 10 d. *Disbursed in toto*, 14 l. 5 s. 6 d.

Inventory of 'Particulers.'—As last year, only, 'Long Parliament' instead of 'Parliament.'

1673. FROM MAY 2, 1673, TO JUNE 16, 1674.

Rents, 5 l. 2 s. 8 d. *Pewes.*—Received of Edward Fairles for his seat . . . , 1 s. [The rest of this entry is illegible, the whole having been erased. With respect to this seat see below, p. 233.] Of Nicholas Coulson for his seat in the 2 pew next to the great church dore on the South side, and for a seat for his wife in the 6 pew in the middle alley, 2 s. Of Elizabeth Foxon for hir seat in the fift pew in the middle alley, 1 s. Of Mr John

Ducke[1] for the pew formerly belonging to Mr Bell's house, 1 s. *In toto*, 5 s.—*Lairstalls*, 2 l. 6 s. 8 d. *Sesse received*, 8 l. 4 s. 8 d. *Arrears of ditto*, 10 s. 9 d. *Collected upon Brefes*.—May 28: Upon a Brefe that came from London, 14 s. 6 d. June 1: Upon Mr Will. Brokett's brefe, 16 s. 8 d. Uppon a brefe that came from Knaresbrough for fire, 14 s. 0¾ d.—*Legacies &c.*, 6 l. 1 s. 6 d.

Disbursements.—To Robt. Forster for drawing the presentment, 1 s. At the Curt for swearing and the booke of articules, 5 s. 6 d. Spent in entertaining Mr Martin, 4 s. 6 d. For birks and reshes and birches, 6 s. Pd Rob. Healey for seting the birches and strowing the reshes and dresing the church, 2 s. 6 d. Pd Mr Francis Callehan for 5 quarts of wine, 5 s., bread, 3 d.,—5 s. 3 d. In attending the sishons, 1 s. For dressing the backe churchyard, 10d. For 3 quarts of wine, 3 s., bread, 2 d.,—3 s. 2 d. For carring all the manner [*manure?*] out of the church yard, 10 s. 8 d. Spent at Mickellmas shessions, 1 s. Pd Tho. Browne for a rale to hinge the bucketts on, 4 s. 6 d. For drawing the presentments, the booke of artikels, and swearing, 4 s. 6 d. Spent in entertaineing Mr Martin, 5 s. 6 d. For 5 quarts of wine for Communion, 5 s., bread, 3 d. Pd Mr Cuth. Hutcheson for a tipud [*tippet*] for Mr Thirkeld, 11 s. Pd Mr Michell Walker for the Bead coat as appears by his note, 12 s. 6 d. Mr Hutcheson for linning as appears per note, 2 s. 3½ d. Thomas Bynon for making the coat, 3 s. Given to the ringers that day that peace was proclaimed, 1 s. For 26 quarts of wine at the severall Communions at Easter, 1 l. 6 s. For bread, 1 s. 2 d. For leaveling the church yard, 16 s. 6 d. For dressing the fore church yard, 8 d.

Disbursed in all, 15 l. 18 s. 0 d.

Inventory, &c.—In addition, 'three regester bookes.'

November 6: '74. By vertue of an order from the Worshipfull Mr Thomas Ireland, now Spirituall Chancelor, bearing date the sixteenth day of October 1674, to us the now Minister and Churchwardens directed, wee have put out Edward Fairles name out of this booke for the pew before mentioned, and doe insert Jane Smith herein as followeth, viz.—Received of Jane Smith widow for her pew being the second seate adjoyning on the North wall of the church, 1 s.[2]

(1) For an account of John (afterwards Sir John) Duck, see Surtees' *History of Durham*, vol. iv. p. 53.

(2) This is the first instance recorded in the book before us of the action

March the 29 : '75. Received of George Page for the pew being the second seate adjoining on the North wall of the church being for himselfe and his wife by and with the consent of Jane Smith widow abovesaid, he having paid for the same to Robt. Gray and Rich. Snowball being churchwardens for the year 1675, 1 s.

1674. FROM 16 JUNE, 1674, TO 24 MAY, 1675.

Rents, 4 l. 14 s. 8 d.—*Lairstalls*, 1 l. 10 s.

Receipts of pewes.— Of Jane Smith widow for her pew being the second seate adjoyning to the North wall of the church, 1 s. Of Robert Cornforth for the fourth pew from the quire doore or little doore adjoining unto Abraham Paxton's pew towards the North, 4 d.—1 s. 4 d.

Sesse.—*Received, in toto,* 10 l. 4 s. 11 d.—*Arrears*, 3 l. 10 s. 11 d.

(N.B.—For the first time, this year among the houses assessed is 'The Parsonage house, 1 s.')

of the Consistory Court with regard to seats in church. It became frequent afterwards. The case appears to have been as follows. A pew, the second in the north aisle (described afterwards as 'in length one yard and a half and 14 inches, and in breadth one yard or thereabouts'), had been occupied by a Mr. Smith and his wife Jane. It may have been assigned originally to Smith for himself and his wife by the churchwardens. On Smith's death, the churchwardens assigned the pew, in 1673, to Edward Fairless, receiving from him 1*s*. for entry. Upon this, Widow Smith asserted her own claim to the pew in the Spiritual Court, and in October 1674 obtained an order from the Chancellor to the minister and churchwardens, commanding them to reinstate her. This they did, but not without her paying them 1*s*. as a newly-admitted tenant. She does not, however, appear to have wanted the pew for her own occupation; for in March 1675 it was reassigned by the churchwardens to George Page for himself and his wife for the customary payment, the consent of the widow Jane Smith having been previously obtained. It may be presumed, though it is not mentioned, that Page had paid the widow something for giving up her pew to him. She was evidently still regarded as its legal possessor; for it was not till her death that the pew in question, stated to have been 'in layet possession of Jane Smith, widdow,' was assigned by a faculty (dated May 5, 1677) 'to Tobyes Blakston, his wife and childer, as longe as they live in the sayd parrish and payes his feas accordingly.' In the meantime Edward Fairless, to whom the churchwardens had assigned the pew after Smith's death, aggrieved at being put out of it, applied for redress to the Spiritual Court in concert with one John Hixon, and obtained an order from the Chancellor (dated January 29, 1674) for their being seated in another pew in the same aisle, which was to be for the use of themselves and their wives. They paid the customary 1*s*. to the churchwardens, and to the Court for fees 13*s*. 4*d*.

Legacies &c. (including this year 'Of the now Lo. Bpp.,[1] 9 l. 0 s. 0 d.') *in toto*, 15 l. 1 s. 6 d.

Receipts upon Breifes.—Aug. 23: Upon the breife for the fire in S[t] Katherine's neere the towre of London, 17 s. 9½ d. March 24, 1675: Upon a breife for a fire of a church in Essex rent by lightning and thunder, 14 s. 10 d. May 23, 1675: For a fire att Watton in the County of Norfolk, 15 s. 4½ d.

Mem: that by vertue of an order from under the hand and seale of the office of the Worshipfull Tho. Ireland Spirituall Chancelor dated the 29[o] day of January 1674; It is by him ordered that John Hixon and Edward Fairlesse parishioners and inhabitants in this parish of S[t] Nicholas be placed and seated in the said parish church in a seate or stall scituate on the North syde of the said church against the wall betweene the stalls of Mrs. Margaret Jefferson and Michael Oliver, containing in length one yard and a halfe and 14 inches or thereabouts and in breadth one yard or thereabouts, for them and their wifes, for which was paid to the Chancelor and his officers, 13 s. 4 d.

Disbursements.—Paid to Nicho. Stout's wife for 12 burthen of rushes, 4 s. Item for 11 burthen of birkes, 3 s. 8 d. Item for dressing the church against Whitsontide, 1 s. 6 d. For the presentment drawing att Easter visitation, with the charge of the booke of articles and charges of the Court fees, 7 s. For the expenses in the entertainement to the Minister on the visitation day, 17 s. 6 d. For wine to M[r] Callaghan to the Communion at Midsummer, 6 s. 6 d. For a new box to put the plate and bookes in with a locke and key for the same, 7 s. 10 d. For the presentment drawing, 1 s. Item in charges for ourselves and horses in goeing to Chester att Michaelmas visitation and for the court fees and booke of articles, 18 s. 8 d. For the churchyard, clensing and carrieing away the mannure therein laid, 6 s. For a new surplesse being 10 yards of fine cloth att 2 s. 6 d. per yard, 1 l. 5 s. For makeing thereof, 5 s. To a poore minister a traveller given, 1 s. For bread and wine att the severall Communions att Mich. and Christmas, 4 s. 8 d. For the like att the severall Communions att Easter last and Low Sunday, 1 l. 9 s. 2 d. For 5 severall passes for the five Scotch men as rogues being

(1) Nathanael Crewe, translated from Oxford to Durham, A.D. 1674.

whipt and sent away with the said passes and registring the same according to the statute, 5 s. *Disbursed in toto*, 19 l. 2 s. 3 d.

Inventory.—As before, with the following addition.

John Heslopp's guift.—M^d: that there is also a new ladder containing 31 stepps, being a free guift in the yeare 1674, given unto the use of this church of St Nicholas by John Heslopp, it being the will of the said donor that the said ladder shall be for the use of the whole city and suburbs onely upon accident of fire, and not otherwise, the persons soe borrowing the same to make it good upon returne thereof if anything thereof shal be thereby broken.

One Box for putting the Plate and Lining therein.

March the first, 1675.—M^d: that Robert Greene Mason is by consent to lay all such lairestalls belonging to the church and is to have paid to him yearely for his said worke as formerly accustomed six shillings and eight pence.

M^d: That Simond Hutchinson hath paid for the fifth pew or seate in the midle alley in the church being the pew formerly belonging to the house late George Jopling's for which he paid, soe now being belonging unto him the said Simond Hutchinson as owner of the same house, 8 d.

May the 29th, '75.—M^d: That George Page hath paid for a seate for himselfe and his wife in the pew belonging to Jane Smith widow situate on the North wall next to Nicholas Paxton's pew on the East being by the consent of the said Jane Smith and hath paid for the same 1 s.

1675. From 24 May, 1675, to 31 Aug. 1676.

Rents.—4 l. 14 s. 8 d. *Receipts of lairestalles.*—2 l. 11 s. 8 d.

Receipts of pewes.—Rec^d of Simond Hutchinson and his wife for the pew belonging to the house wherein he now lives late George Jopling's, 1 s. Of George Page for a seat for himselfe and wife in the pew belonging to Jane Smith, being by her consent, 1 s. Item of Thomas Taylor for his pew and his wife's, 2 s.

Sesse (again including 'The Parsonage house'), *in toto*, 8 l. 7 s. 7 d.

Legacies, with other charitable guifts, in toto, 6 l. 1 s. 6 d. Item more of the Lord Bpp.'s guift att Christmas, 6 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Collected upon Breifes.—1675, Jany. 20: Upon the breife

for the fires in Redborne within the Liberties of S[t] Albon's in the County of Hartford, being delivered to M[r] Martin Minister whoe is to procure the acquittance for the same, 16 s. 8½ d. 1676, June 6[th]: Upon the breefe for the fire in the towne of Northampton within and throughout the parish as by a schedule thereunto annexed doth and will appeare per y[e] Major, 2 l. 6 s. 7 d. June 25[th]: Upon speciall orders for one Don Harasa an outlandish and Caldean priest taken by the Turkes, and paid him, 1 l. 0 s. 0 d. July 30[th]: Upon the breefe for the rebuilding of the parish church of Oswestree in the County of Salop, and to M[r] Martin paid, 13 s. 11 d. Aug. 27[th]: Upon the breefe for Niwent church in the County of Gloster, 13 s. 2 d. *Total*, 5 l. 10 s. 4 d.

Rents due att Whitsontide last past 1676; *In toto*: 2 l. 7 s. 4 d. More as before for rent, 4 l. 14 s. 8 d.; Being in toto for a y[re] and halfe rent due as abovesaid, 7 l. 2 s.

Disbursements.—For the court fees att the visitation att Sedgfeild, 5 s. 6 d. Item for ordinaries and extraordinaries, 15 s. Item for oates and hay, 2 s. 6 d. Item more for beare, 1 s. 4 d. Item for horse hire, 3 s. For the old church-wardens' presentment drawing, 1 s. For M[r] Martin's dinner att Michaelmas visitation, 2 s. The court fees with the booke of articles then, 3 s. 6 d. To the clerk for the presentment then drawing, 1 s. For drinke and rowles to the mason and his laborer, 1 s. 7 d. For mending an iron rodd for the bells and nailes and other things, 6 d. For a new shovell and ironing of it, 1 s. 7 d. For another rodd of iron for the bells and nayles, 3 d. For the long firme mending, 10 d. For a band for the organ loft doore, 6 d. For mending a staple for the bell tongue with an iron rodd, and nailes to the same, 1 s. For a cottrell and a hoope for a bolt, 3 d. For mending an iron rodd and a baud rope, 6 d. For board nayles and spikins, 6 d. For two forelockes and a cottrell, 6 d. For mending a dogg to the bell tongue, and nailes for the bands, 2 s. For 4 wedges, 2 in nailes, and mending a dogg, 8 d. For two bolts and 2 Cotterells mending, 8 d. For drinke and bread Aprill the 10[th] to workemen, 10 d. More for another bolt and cottrell mending, 2 d. Aprill 22[nd], for a pottle and 2 rowles to workemen, 5 d. Spent att the laying on of the sesse upon the Minister, 2 s. 4 d. Paid to M[r] Hall for the beagle's coate, 17 s. 11 d. To M[r] Frizell for wine, 3 s. To the parish clerke for his yeare wages, 3 s. 4 d. More to M[r] Shires, Major, for

wine att the Communions, 16 s. For three quarts of wine for the Communion, and bread 2 d.,—3 s. 2 d. For the coate makeing for John Strother to Tho. Bingen, 3 s. For juniper and frankincense [1] to Robt Healey upon the Ld. Bpp's comeing into the church, 1 s. For 3 quartes of wine att a Communion Octr the 10th, 3 s., and for bread 2 d.,—3 s. 2 d. For the ringing att the Bpp's first comeing in and drinkes, 1 s. 4 d. For the ringing att the Archdeacon's visitation att this church att Michaelmas last, 1 s. For 4 quarts of Clarett wine and a gill for the Communion, 4 s. 3 d. To John Mitford for the King's Proclamation for the 30th of January observing, 2 s. 6 d. To John Stoddart for dressing of the vennell in the backe of the church, 4 d. For birkes and rushes, being 4 of birch and 6 of rushes, 4 s. 6 d. For the church and pewes clensing and the birkes putting up and the rushes stroweing therein, 2 s. 6 d. For beare and rowles then, 5 d. To John Coulson, June 2nd, for his worke of mending three pewes, and for timber for the same, 3 s. 6d. For nailes 2 d., and for beare and bread to the workemen thereabout, 5 d.,—7 d. To the ringers the 29th of May, '76, being last past, to them in beare, 1 s. Upon the Lo. Bpp's comeing in, to the ringers then given, being June the 13th, 1676, 2 s. 6 d. For bread and wine att the Communion, July 9th, 2 s. 7 d. To widow Corbey when her son went to London, 2 s. 6 d. To John Unsworth in his sicknes, 2 s. Item more to him to his buriall, 3 s. Att the Lo. Bpp.'s goeing into Northumberland to the ringers then, 1 s. 6 d. To James Faireles for mending the backe churchyard pavement, 1 s. For the writeing the schedule of the collection of the Northampton breife, 6 d.

August 31, 1676, *In toto disbursed,* 18 l. 12 s. 1 d.

At the end of the Inventory.—As alsoe one long ladder conteining 31 stepps, being the guift of John Heslopp unto the church, and now chained to the wall with a locke and key. One box for putting the plate and lining therein.

Pews.—By vertue of an order from the Right Worshipful Thomas Cradock, Officiall to the Right Worshipful Mr Dyonisius Greevill, Archdeacon of Durham, dated the first day of August 1677 and under the seale of the said office, One seat or pew in the parish church of St Nicholas situate and being on the West end of the said church being the sexth seat formerly

(1) See p. 225, note (1).

vacant in the midle ile or alley on the North part thereof adjoyning unto the seat soe assigned and belonging now unto Robt. Johnson on the South was assigned unto Cuthbert Lampson his wife and family as long as they live in the said parish, and he hath paid his dues for the same.

March the 22nd, 170$\frac{2}{3}$. Memorandum: That whereas there was a pew in the church granted to Robert Johnson Senior by Dionisius Greenvill Archdeacon of Durham and also to his family so long as they continued inhabitants in the said parish,—Now the said Robert and family having been long deceased, and his son Robert and his family having deserted both the parish and the citie, the said pew is assigned over to Joseph Busby and Francis Richardson and their families so long as they shall remain in the said parish, by us Wm Dunn, Curate;—Michaell Tinckler;—Robt Downes.

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1676. FROM 31 AUGUST, 1676, TO 27 APRILL, 1677.

Rents.—2 l. 7 s. 4 d. *Receipts of lairstalls.*—1 l. 1 s. 8 d.

Receipts for pewes.[1]—Of Mr Richard Padman for himselfe and his wife, Robert Farror and wife, for the seat or pew on the West end of the church next adjoyning upon the West of Mr Francis Crosby's pew, xij d. a peece, 4 s. Item of Edward King for a pew or seat for himselfe and his wife; as alsoe George Midleton, butcher, for his seat in the East end or part of the second pew being as it is now devided into two as heretofore was, being in the midle isle or alley att the West end of the church, xij d. per peece, 3 s. Item of George Peart for him and his wife for their seat in the East end of the third pew att the West end in the midle isle, 2 s. Anthony Browne,

(1) It is observable how usual the assignment of pews to men and their wives has now become, though the older custom of seating persons of the two sexes individually, and apart from each other, still continues. It may be again remarked that the granting of pews in the body of the church to whole families, and so as to be transmissible to heirs as property as long as they lived in the parish and went to church, seems to have originated in the mischievous action of the Bishop's Court assuming the power of making such grants in perpetuity. But see below, A.D. 1686, when the minister and churchwardens, on their own authority, assign and confirm to a widow, Elizabeth Adamson, her executors and assigns, her deceased husband's pew, to be held by her and her assigns in respect of a messuage &c. in Claypeth, of which she had become the possessor. They may have had no power to do this, but the Court had given them the cue.

butcher, for his seat in the abovesaid pew of George Peart's abovesaid, 1 s. *In toto*, 10 s.

Item of John Skaithlock for his lease of his house renewing, 3 s. 4 d.

Receipts of Legacies &c. (In addition to former legacies).—Item of Colonel John Tempest for Mr Callaghan's legacy, 1 l. Item given by the Bpp. as a charitable guift, 5 l. *In toto*, 8 l. 1 s. 6 d.

Breifes collected as followeth, 1676.—Sept. 24th, 1676. Upon the Lo. Bpp.'s order for Nicholas Blades for a fire att Escomb, 15 s.—Jany 14th, '76. For the fire in Southwark, collected through the parish, 1 l. 12 s. 8 d.—March 11th, 1676. For a fire at Horton in the County of Bucks, 17 s. 4 d.—April 8th, 1677. For Nichola Christophrus and Theodore Johannj [?] upon the King's Majestie's order for their redemption out of the slavery of the Turkes, 17 s. 11 d.

Which said sumes were all paid over to the parties as abovesaid, as per acquittance is to appeare, 4 l. 2 s. 9 d.

Sesse (including the parsonage house), 17 l. 18 s. 6 d.

Disbursements.—Att the Lord Bishop's visitation for Court fees, 5 s. 8 d. Item for the old churchwardens' presentment then drawing, 1 s. For entertaining then the Minister, 15 s. Att a Communion for wine and bread, 3 s. 2 d. Given to the buriall of an old poore woman in Claypeth by Mr Major's order, 1 s. For a windeing sheete for Mary Sydebottom by Mr Major's order, 3 s. 4 d. To Robert Forster for his clerke's wages for the yeare, 3 s. 4 d. To Mr Hall for the beagle's coate, as per note appeares, 17 s. 10 d. To Nicholas Dixon, carrier, for bringing the Hole house rent, 4 d.

To Thomas Binyon for the beagle's coate makeing, 3 s. 6 d. For triming to it, 1 s. 6 d. For the presentment drawing att Mr Archdeacon visitacion, 1 s. Spent then upon the said presentment drawing, 1 s. For the fees at the said visitation, 4 s. 6 d. Spent at Houghton then, 5 s. And for horse hyre, 3 s. Item for oates and hay then, 2 s. For the 2nd Communion in wine and bread, 3 s. 2 d. For two hassacks for the pulpitt and reading pew, 4 s. 6 d. Spent att the last (our) presentment drawing att Mr Archdeacon's visitation att this church, 1 s. To Nicholas Palmer and others workemen for and about the mending the backe church wall, and materialls for the same, as per note appeareth as following, viz., Inprimis Nicho. Palmer 15 dayes att 18 d. per day, 1 l. 2 s. 6 d. Item to

John Richardson 15 dayes att 16 d. per day, 1 l. Item to Tho. Robinson 5 dayes att 16 d. per diem, 6 s. 8 d. Item to Thomas Thompson 14 dayes att 16 d. per day, 18 s. 8 d. Item to John Palmer 10 dayes att 14 d. per day, 11 s. 8 d. Item to Arthure Smith for 13 dayes att 10 d. per day, 10 s. Item to Richard Lowes 15 dayes att 8 d. per day, 10 s. Item to Richard Smith 8 dayes and a halfe att 6 d. per day, 4 s.. 3 d. Item to Ralph Rutlidge for 4 dayes att 10 d. per day, 3 s. 4 d. Item in materialls as followeth; Inprimis for 5 carte loade of flaggs and band stones, 15 s. Item for 2 bushells of hairs, 1 s. 4 d. Item for smiddy ashes, 1 s. Item for lyme, 48 horse loade, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. Item for sand and leading the flages and band stones, 5 s. Item for drinkes to the workemen, 5 s. 8 d. For bread and wine att the Communions of Palme Sunday, Skies Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Day, and the Sunday after, in toto, 19 s. 8 d. For the Chantry rent due for 11 yeares last past and a half and paid unto Mr Roper as per acquittance will appeare, 11 s. 6 d.

Somme tottall disburst is 21 l. 14 s. 8½ d., and received the somme of 22 l. 0 s. 10 d. Rests in our hands to pay the suckseeding churchwardens, 6 s. 1½ d.

Inventory [in addition to the previous 'particulars'].—With a dozen of bucketts hanging on the South West wall of the church, and given by Mr Richard Lee for the use of the parish or city in case of fire.

June 30, 1677.—By vertue of ann order by Richert Lloyd, Knit, Speretuell Chanseller, datted the fift of Maye, 1677, on seat or puw in the parrish church of St Nickolas thus settuated and being on the North side of the said church against the North walle, betwixt the stalles of Tho. Taller, bucher, on the Est and Nickolas Paxton on the West, contaning on yard and halfe or thereabout in lenth and in breith on yard or thereabout, in layet possesion of Jane Smith, widdow, was asind over to Tobyes Blakston, gentellman, his wife and childer, as longe as they live in the sayd parrish and payes his feas accordingly, 2 s. 6 d. Sam. Martin, Curate. Cuthbart Lampson, Churchwardan. Rob. Johnson, Churchwarden.

June 30, 1677.—Memorandum, that George Hodgshon, Alderman of the sety of Durham, came and buked himselfe in the moyety or the on halfe of the puw settuated on the North walle of the church of St Nickolas next adjoining to George Ruwell [?] on the Est, as it is now agreed and devided betwixt

Tho. Tallatt (?) and the said George Hodgshon, whech said puw did belong to on Tho. Pearson, Alderman, and belongeth to the house whiche the saide George Hodgshon laytly purchased, 8 d. Sam. Martin, Curate, &c.

July 30.—Reseved of Richert Brice, Felt-maker, for a seat for his wife joyning upon Mrs Maieres' puw in the midell alle, on shelling, it being the same puw that Mrs Ann Graye seats in, 1 s.

By vertue of an order from the Right worshipfull Thomas Cradock, Officiall to the Right worshipfull Mr Dionisius Greenwill Archdeacon of Durham dated the first day of August 1677 one seat or pew in the parish church of St Nicholas situate and being on the west part of the said church, being the sixth seat in the midle alley on the south part of the same, adjoyning unto the seate belonging to Cuthbert Lampson on the north, was assigned unto Robt Johnson his wife and family as long they live in the said parish and he hath paid the dues for the same accordingly.

1677. From 27 Aprill, 1677, to 30 Aprill, 1678.

Receipts of rents.—In toto, 4 l. 14 s. 8 d. *Receipts of Lairstalls*, 1 l. 0 s. 0 d.

Receipts for pewes.—Of Mr Tobias Blakiston for the pew in which he now sitts and his wife assigned unto him by order of Court, as is in this booke before recorded, 2 s. 6 d. Mr Geo. Hodgshon late Alderman deceased for his late erected pew adjoyning unto Tho. Taylor's as before said, 8 d. Of Richard Brice for a seat for his wife adjoyning on Mrs Majore's pew as aforesaid sett downe, 1 s.

Legacies &c. (including 6 l. given by the Lo. Bpp., and 4 l. by Mr Deane) 12 l. 13 s. 6 d.

Breifes collected.—June 17, 1677: Collected then upon the Breife for the fire in Cottingham in Cambridgeshire, 1 l. 2 s. 11 d. September 9, 1677: Upon the Breife for a fire at Towcester in Northamptonshire, 18 s. 1 d.

Sesse.—Total, 34 l. 0 s. 8 d.

Disbursements.—Att Mr Archdeacon's visitation att Easter, 1677, paid for the Court fees and the booke of articles, 5 s. 6 d. For the entertainment of the minister and the other officers, 17 s. 6 d. For the presentment drawing, 1 s. Paid upon the sweareing of Robt Johnson to the Cort, 2 s. 9 d. For a matt

to the pulpitt, 1 s. To John Coulson for severall dayes worke about the repaires of the bells and frame, as by his note appeares, 10 s. 3 d. Paid to a bell founder for new brasses, 14 s. 2 d. To Christopher Nicholson for iron worke about the bells, as by his note appeares, 6 s. 5 d. For dressing the church severall times, and drinkes and bread, and carrieing the rubbish away, 1 l. 10 s. To Mathew Corner for his wood and workmanship and drinkes in the repaire of the steeple, 7 l. 6 s. 0 d. For dressing of the church att the Lo. Bpp.'s comeing to preach, 2 s. For the Court dues paid att Mich. visitacion, and for the entertainment there upon, in toto, 16 s. For the presentment draweing then, 1 s. To Mr Roper for Chantrey rent and acquittance upon the same, 4 d., 1 s. 4 d. For the ringing att the Prince of Orange's marriage,[1] and for drinke to them, and the fifth of November, 9 s. To Nicholas Palmer for his worke and other materialls, bread and drinke, which was ordered to be paid by the arbitrators, 23 l. 15 s. 6 d. For charges about the arbitrament and draweing writeings thereupon, 2 l. 0 s. 6 d. For a bagg for the putting the surplesses, 2 s. 8 d. For a new surplesse of hollan and for makeing, 7 s., in toto, 1 l. 15 s. 11 d. For wine and bread for the communions for the whole yeare, 1 l. 10 s. 0 d. Disbursed in toto, 46 l. 9 s. 7 d. In toto received, 40 l. 5 s. 6 d. Out of purse, 6 l. 4 s. 1 d. (*Signed*) Jo. Duck (*Mayor this year*), &c.

1678 and 1679.—Accompt for the said two yeares ending att Easter, 1670, as followeth. *Rents*, 9 l. 9 s. 4 d. *Lairstalls*, 4 l. 13 s. 4 d. (17 in each year).

Breefes.—Sept. 8, 1678: For a fire att the towne of Wem in Shropshire, 19 s. 6 d. Nov. 30, 1679: For a fire in Lurgashall, Wiltshire, ——. Feb. 8th and 12, 1679: Collected the said days upon speciall order from the Lo. Bpp. in the church and through the parish on the week day for the redemption of some Stockton seamen taken by the Turkes, 1 l. 15 s. 8 d. March 16, 1678: For the breefe of the fire at Pattingham collected about the parish the some of 17 s. 1 d. March 21, 1679: For the fire at Weedon Beck in Northamptonshire, 19 s. 8 d.

(1) In 1678 William, Prince of Orange, afterwards William III., came to England, and was there married to the Princess Mary, daughter of the Duke of York.

Legacies for the yeare 1678.—For Mr Callaghan's legacy received by Edward Stelling, and disposed to the severall poore persons hereafter mentioned, 1 l. Legacies which are due to be paid unto the churchwardens yearely att or about Christmas, and by them to be disposed to the poore within the parish att and against the said festivall yearely. Inprimis, of Mr Major for the time, being for Franckland's legacy, 7 s. 4 d. More of him for Mr Hutchinson's, 10 s. Item usually paid by Jo. Heslop deceased for one Sparke's legacy, 7 s. 6 d. Of Mr Oswold Comyn for one Mr Surtice's legacy, 6 s. 8 d. Of Anthony Fawell for his cosen Antho. Fawell's legacy, 10 s. For Mr Messinger's legacy, 12 s.

Which said legacies [*altered* to legacy] of Mr Messinger were by John Heathrington Junior disposed upon being for the interest of 10 l. in his hand, for which bond was entred unto, and remaining with and in the churchwardens' hands successively, and to be paid att St Thomas Day before Christenmas yearely.

Receipts for pewes.—Of Thomas Nicholson for his seat in a pew adjoining upon the wall under the bucketts, where his father Christo. Nicholson did formerly sitt, 4 d. Tho. Botcheby for a seate adjoyning upon Mr Gordon's, 1 s. George Judgson for his seat in a pew next to Mr Gordon's pew, 1 s. Mr Edward Thirkeld for the third pew adjoyning unto the Major's pew under the organ loft staires, 1 s. James Nicholson placed in the second pew to the great dore joyning on the pulpitt by Sammuell Martin, Thomas Botchbey, Simon Hucheson, 1 s. Michaell Horne is placed in the fifth pew from the great church doore, and hath paid for the same the now present yeare 1680 to churchwardens Simone Hutchinson and Thomas Botchbey, 1 s. John Rackett, son and heire of Wm Rackett deceased, [*illegible*] right of his said father is placed in the pew or seat of his said father, and paid for the same, 4 d. William Heslopp, butcher, is placed and seated in the pew or seat he hath beene anciently seated in, being the third seat next from the great church doore, and hath paid for the same, 4 d. Thomas Catchesyde is placed in the pew and seat adjoyning upon the clerke's pew, and hath paid for the same to the churchwardens abovesaid, 1 s. And alsoe widow Catchesyde his mother in the said pew, and paid for the same ——. Robert Corner and Michaell Rackett are both of them placed in the pew and seat next to the great church doore, and have paid for the same, 2 s.

Sesse, 1678 (including 'William Atkinson for the parsonage house tenant, *ar.* 1 s.'). *In toto*, 18 l. 8 s. 6 d. Collected in toto of the same, 12 l. 7 s. 9 d. Arreares in toto, 3 l. 7 s. 10 d.

Disbursements 1678 *and* 1679. [N.B.—The entries of disbursements at the Archdeacon's regular visitations at Easter and Michaelmas will not henceforth be transcribed. They may be concluded to recur as usual in the absence of any intimation to the contrary.]

For a bell wheele and other materialls for the same, 1 l. 10 s. 0 d. For the iron worke thereof, 8 s. 6 d. For a lock to the organ lofte doare, 1 s. 6 d. For mending the seates in the organ lofte, and nailes and drinks, and a paire of bands, 6 s. 2 d. To Robt Cogdon for his dayes waiges thereabout, 1 s. For an imp to the second bell, 6 d. For birkes and putting them upp, 5 s. For mending the old bell stockes and wheeles and drinkes, 9 s. 7 d. To the ringers when the Judges came in, 3 s. 4 d. To the ringers when the Lord Lauderdaile came in, 3 s. Given to one Thomas Key a poore traveller that had lost all he had by fire by the appointment of Mr Major, 2 s. 6 d. For dressing the Church against the Bpp.'s preaching, 2 s. 6 d. For the beagle's coat, and triming and makeing, 1 l. 4 s. 3 d. For another new bell wheele, 1 l. 10 s. For a warrant to put out a woman stranger out of the parish, 1 s. For three Communions, bread and wine, att Midsummer, Michaelmas, and Christenmas, 8 s. 5 d. For 4 Communions, 18 quarts of wine and 6 manchetts att Easter 1678, 18 s. 6 d. And for the Communion on Low Sunday then, bread and wine, 6 s. 2 d. For bread and wine for the severall 4 Quarter Communions in the said yeare 1679, 12 s. For the severall Communions att Easter 1670 [1679?] in bread and wine, and for Low Sunday, 1 l. 1 s. 0 d. For the posteinge of a petition and letter sent to the Lo. Major and trustees att London touching Baron Hilton's moneys due to this parish, being by order of Mr Major that now is, 2 s. For the entertainment of a poore minister, a traveller, with meat drinke and lodging for twoe dayes and three nights, 3 s. For a bonfire and bells ringing (by order) att the Duke of Yorke's comeing in,[1] 7 s. 4 d. To Thomas Nicholson for iron worke about the bells in gudgons and cottrells and other worke thereabout as per note appeares, 18 s. 5 d. For Chantry rent payable for these twoe yeares unto Mr Roper, 2 s. For 2

(1) See p. 206, note (1).

bookes for the fasts, 4 s. For the booke of the Woolen Act,[1] 2 s. 6 d.; both which were paid unto John Mitford the Apparitor. For the minister's and clerke's surplesses necks lyneing and new cloth for the same, 1 s. 4 d. To the smith for a new key to the little church doore, and for the mending of another key to the trunck, 1 s. 6 d. Given by order of Mr Stokeld then Maior to a traveller, a woman, 1 s. By derections and order of Mr Major that now is given to Katherine Gordon in goeing for London, 4 s. Given by the now Mr Major's order to a traveller and his wife upon a passe about Candlemas last, 2 s. 3 d. Att September 1679, being the Bpp.'s visitation in entertainments to the officers of the church, minister, and others, 15 s. To the ringers att the Bpp.'s visitation, 2 s. For repaireing the beagle's coate in new cloth, triming and makeing upp, 6 s. 6 d. Item for severall of holes in the glasse windows mending, being att the last visitation day, the 29th of Aprill, 1680, to Hugh Hopper. *Disbursed* in toto, 32 l. 11 s. 7 d. *Received* in toto, 22 l. 10 s. 5 d. *Out of purse*, 6 l. 1 s. 2 d. Of which said summe there is in arreare to be by them collected the summe of 3 l. 7 s. 10 d.

A.D. 1680 AND 1681, ENDING AT EASTER 1682.

Rents, 9 l. 9 s. 4 d.—*Lairstalls* [25 in the two years. Amount obliterated.]—*Sesse*, 30 l. 13 s. 0 d.

Legacies.—[After those of former years, viz. Hutchinson's, Franckland's, Fawell's, Surtice's, and Sparke's] Mr Callaghan's legacy, 2 yeares, 2 l. 0 s. 0 d. For the interest of Mr Kirkby's money, being 15 s. Item more in one bond from Mr Hutchinson and his sonne Jo. Hubbocke Junr, given by M^r^ Jo. Kirkby, 10 l. Item another bond from Rich. Martin and Cuthbert Lampson, being 10 l. Item paid in by us, Simond Hutchinson and Tho. Botchebey, to Jo. Heathrington and Jo. Sheele in moneys, 10 l. Which being in all left by Mr Kirkby, 30 l. Mr Messinger's legacy, 12 s.

Breifes collected for these two yeares.—March 20, 1680:

(1) By the Act, 30 C. 2 (A.D. 1679), it was enacted that for the encouragement of the woollen manufactures, and prevention of the exportation of money for the importing of linen, no corpse of any person should be buried in any shirt, shift, sheet, or shroud, or anything whatsoever, made or mingled with flax, hemp, silk, hair, gold, or silver, or in any stuff or thing other than what is made of sheep's wool only, on pain of 5*l*.—Burn's *Eccl. Law*, vol. i. p. 262.

Upon a breife for Mrs Margaret Courtney and Mrs Mary Ackland, 18 s. 10 d. March 26, 1681: Upon a breife for East Dearham, 19 s. 8 d. July 24, 1681: Collected then by the Lo. Bpp.'s order for a fire in Hampsterley in this County, 18 s. 2 d. Aug. 7, 1681: For a fire on Rainton Moore, being one Seamour's house, 1 l. 2 s. 11½ d. March 19, 1681: For a fire in Stafford towne, 19 s. Sept. 4, 1681: For a fire in Duxford in Cambridgeshire, 18 s. 11 d. Novem. 13, 1681: For a fire att Huntsworth in the West Rideing of Yorkeshire, 15 s. Jan. 22, 1681: Upon a briefe for the Christian Churches in Lesser Poland, 1 l. 2 s. 10 d. Aprill 30, 1682: Collected then upon an order in print, under severall Commissioners' hands for charitable uses, appointed by his Majestie att Westminster, for the releife of Mr Tho. Pursell, Merchant, and Mrs Elinor Peirson, for their losses att sea, being taken by piratts, 15 s. 9 d.

Disbursements.—Anno 1680: For frankincense, beniamin,[1] and juniper att the Bpp.'s preaching, 2 s. 6 d. Item for birkes, and to Robert Cogdon for puting them up, 3 s. 6 d. For a cramp iron to the bells, 2 s. 6 d. For a new rope for the clock, 8 s. For a new handle to the dyall, and for an axletree and repaireing of the clocke, as per note appeares, 1 l. 6 s. 8 d. For leather to the bells att severall times, 2 s. For a new spoake for a bellwheele with a knop and a stay, 2 s. 6 d. For a sydeboard, 2 stayes and a pulley for the high floore, and a cross sword for the bells, being 2 dayes worke and a halfe, 8 s. Item for their drinke, 1 s. 6 d. For a new spoake for the little wheele, and a cross sword, 4 s. 6 d. For a daye's worke to a mason in mending the backlaine wall and about the church, 2 s. 4 d. For 3 presentments drawing, 3 s. To Mathew Scott for halfe a new rope for the great bell and workmanship and 2 imps, 7 s. For bread and wine for 3 quarters Communions, 14 s. 6 d. For a collation to Mr Archdeacon att his last visitacion and to his officers, 9 s. Item for the fees then to the officers, 3 s. Item to the Pursevant for 3 yeares, 3 s.:—Chantrey rent due, and for the acquittance given thereupon, 1 s.—In toto, 4 s. For Michaelmas visitation entertainment to the minister and churchwardens, 1 l. 5 s. 0 d. To

(1) 'Benjamin, Benzoin (*Benjoin F.*), a drug much used in perfumes and sweet bags.'—Bailey. It is used, together with frankincense and other spices, as an ingredient of incense.

William Brockett, plumber, worke for halfe a sheet of lead and soulder and the leads mending and workmanship, 1 l. 5 s. 0 d. To the ringers att the Archdeacon's visitation, 2 s. 6 d. To Wm Dobson for a whole window over Mr Maior's pew, and eight score holes stoping, and two lights of new glass in the fore windowes, 17 s. Given to Wm Davison's wife by the then Mr Major's order, 5 s.—In toto for the first yeare 1680, 18 l. 3 s. 3 d.

ANNO 1681.—Inprimis att the visitation att Easington att Easter 1681: For the Cort fees, 6 s. 6 d. Item for horse hire thither then, 3 s. For expences then, our Minister and ourselves, 8 s. For the birks and puting them up, 3 s. For severall fast bookes to Jo. Mitford, 3 s. 4 d. For expences in a treat to the Minister, 8 s. For the King's or Chantrey rent, 1 s., and for the acquittance, 4 d.—1 s. 4 d. For bread and wine att the Quarter Communions, 9 s. For bread and wine att the last Quarter Communion att Christmas, 5 s. For Communion wine and bread upon Palme Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Day, and Low Sunday, in toto, 1 l. 4 s. 8 d. For the returne of the payments of Baron Hilton's moneys att the last Christmas Sessions to the Clerk of the Peace, 2 s. Item more disbursed for the frame worke of fastining the pewes in wood, and workemanshipp, 7 l. Item for a barr for the great doore, 6 d.——*Disbursed in toto*, 39 l. 11 s. 5 d.—*In toto received*, 37 l. 18 s. 4 d.—*Out of purse*, 1 l. 13 s. 1 d.

Pewes.—Received of Christopher Garnett by Simond Hutchinson and Thomas Botchebey for his seate in the organ loft, 1 s. Of Robert Arrundell and Thomas Arrundell for their two wifes' seat in the third pew in the midle alley, 1 s. Of Michaell Rackett for his seat in the pew adjoyning unto the pulpitt next the great doore, 1 s. Of Thomas Catchesyde for his seat next to the clerke's pew, 4 d. Michaell Horne received of him for his seat adjoyning unto the said clerke's pew, 1 s. Robert Corner for his seat in the pew the 2nd pew to the great doore, 1 s. Of Mr Edward Thirkeld and mother and wife for the pew under the Organ loft, 1 s. Of Michaell Weish for a seate neare unto the North church doore, 1 s.

FROM EASTER, 1682, TO 23rd AUGUST, 1683.

Rents, 7 l. 14 s. 0 d.—*Lairstalls*, 2 l.

Pewes. Of Abraham Smith for the third pew on the South syde of the church, 1 s. Of Raiph Westgarth for his owne seat

in the pew being the 4th in the midle ile, 1 s. Of John Sheele for his seate as belonging formerly to his house in the above said 4th pew, 4 d. For a seate for the said John Sheele his wife on the North syde being the 5th pew in the midle alley, 4 d. Of John Heathrington Junior for his owne seate in the third pew on the South syde, 1 s. Of Thomas Price for the seat for himselfe adjoyning on the clerke's pew, 1 s. Of Richard Craggs for his renewing of his right of his seat in the pew wherein his father sate, 4 d. *Toto*, 5 s.

Sesse.—Summa totalis, 10 l. 11 s. 6 d.

Legacies.—Mr Kirkby use money being distributed to these persons as followeth att Christmas &c. . . . Summa totalis, 1 l. 16 s. 0 d. [For Hutchinson's, Frankland's, Fawell's, Sparke's legacies, receivd in toto, 1 l. 13 s. 8 d.] In arrear unpaid, viz. Mr Surtice's legacy, 6 s. 8 d., and Mr Callaghan's, xx s. Which said legacyes above receivd is distributed as followeth, &c. . . .—1 l. 14 s. 8 d.

Mr Messinger's legacy, 12 s., disposed as followeth, and to be given yearely, 6 d. per peece, to the severall persons as herafter named dureing their life times. Totall, 12 l.

Breefes.—Septr 3, 1682: Collected then by order of the Lo. Bpp. for Robt Harbottle and others, 19 s. 6 d. Octr 8: For a fire att Yarme bridge, 15 s. 11½ d. Aug. 20: For a fire att Craston in Lincolnshire, 1 l. 3 s. 6 d. Novr 19: For a fire in Dyar's Hall in London, 16 s. 7½ d. May 6th, 1683: For the repaires of St Alban's Church through the parish, 14 s. 9 d. June 9th: For the fire att Conington in Devonshire, 16 s. 9 d. June 24th: For the redemption of one Robt Richardson, captive with the Turkes, 11 s. 8½ d. July 15th: For a seaman for losse by fire by order of Lo. Bpp., 13 s. 3½ d.

Disbursements.—For bread and wine att Communion att Whitsontide, 5 s. 2 d. To Mathew Akley for colluring the dyall hand and the new casements of glasse for the clocke house, 4 s. To Robt Cogdon for puting up the birkes, 1 s. To Nicholas Coulson for his takeing up the bells and for his drinkes, 5 s. 8 d. To Robt. Cogdon for his labour in attending thereupon with his helpe, 2 s. 6 d. To John Nelson, clock keeper, for mending the clocke wheeles, 2 l. For bread and wine at the quarter Communion in July '82, 4 s. 2 d. For setting a seat in the churchyard, 1 s. 2 d. For bread and wine att the Communion 8ber the 8th, 4 s. 2 d. To Nicho. Coulson for a new bell wheele, 1 l. 15 s. For the laying of a great

through stone, 1 s. For bread and wine att the Christmas Communion, 6 s. 3 d. For bread and wine att the fowre Communion dayes at Easter last, 1683, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. Given to the two travellers, one Tho. Smith and Tho. Clerk touching their losse by the fire att Wapping by Mr Major's order, 2 s. For plaistring the church, and for lime and haire and their drinkes, 19 s. 6 d. For franckencense att the Lord Bpp.'s comeing to church, 2 s. 4 d. For the Quarter Communion in July last '83, for wine and bread, 6 s. 3 d. To John Key and the ringers att the Judges comeing last, 1 s. *Total*, 20 l. 14 s. 10 d.—*Totall received*, 20 l. 9 s. 6 d.—*Out of purse*, 5 s. 4 d.

Wee doe allow of these accompts and doe referr the further examinacion of the particulers thereof unto Mr John Hall, Alderman, Mr Francis Crosby, Mr Wm Greeveson, and John Walton, or any two or three of them, to be stated att their first conveniencyes.—Jo. Hutchinson, Major.—Jo. Martin, Curate [*and others*].

FOR THE YEARE 1683, ENDING AT EASTER 1684.

Rents, 2 l. 7 s. 4 d.—*Lairstalls*, 1 l. 5 s. 0 d.

Breifes collected.—Aug. 26, 1683. For the fire in Channell Row in the parish of St Margaret's in Westminster, 1 l. 1 s. 10 d. Septr 23: Upon the Lord Bishop's order for a fire in Wolveston in the County of Durham, 11 s. 11 d. Feby 24: For the fire in Wapping neere White Chappell, 2 l. 5 s. 4 d. April 20, 1684: For and on the behalfe of the inhabitants of the towne of Runswick in the North Rydeing of Yorkshire, 1 l. 6 s. 8 d. April 27: Collected then to Mrs Struckland and Mrs Margaret Fletcher for a fire at the isle of Inisarrege, 1 l. 6 s. 1 d.

Pewes.—Jo. Perkin for his seat under the buckets, 1 s. For Abraham Stout, his seat in the same pue, 1 s. For a seate in the 4 pewe in the midell ally att the West end of the church for Elizebath wife of George Ridley, Spurryer, 1 s.

Richardus Lloyd Miles, Legum Doctor, Reverendi in Christo patris et Domini, Domini Nathanelis providentia divina Dunelm. episcopi Vicarius in spiritualibus generalis, et officialis principalis legitime fulcitus, Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsentes hæ literæ pervenerint salutem in Domino sempiternam, seu quos infra scripta tangunt vel tangere poterint quomodolibet in futuro salutem in Domino. Sciatis quod nos officialis antedictus ad humilem petitionem Richardi Lee, parochiani et

inhabitantis parochiæ S^{ti} Nicholai civitatis et Diocesis Dunelm. quoddam Stallum sive Sedile in ecclesia parochiali S^{ti} Nicholai prædicti sic situm et situatum, viz. infra Navem ecclesiæ parochialis prædictæ ac ambulacro medio (Anglice the Midle Isle ibidem) approximans versus Borealem partem ejusdem, et ambulacro Australi ejusdem Navis ad Austrum, necnon attingens stallum seu sedile ibidem spectans ad Pexallum Forster generosum ex parte occidentali et stallum seu sedile ibidem spectans ad Majorem pro tempore successive existentem civitatis Dunelm. et Aldermanos ejusdem civitatis respiciens ad Orientem, eidem Richardo Lee pro se filiaque sua et liberis ejusdem suæ filiæ ad ipsorum solum opus et usum pro sedendo genuflectendo precando et divina audiendo in eadem ecclesia (quamdiu in eadem parochia remorantur et ad ecclesiam predictam ad divina audienda debite accedunt) auctoritate nostra ordinaria per præsentes assignamus statuimus et confirmamus (salvo jure cujuscunque), monentes Curatum et Guardianos ibidem pro tempore existentes et futuros cæterosque inhabitantes ejusdem parochiæ quatenus ibidem pro tempore, permittant et eorum quilibet permittat dictum Richardum Lee, filiamque suam et liberos ejusdem suæ filiæ præfatum stallum sive sedile ad usum supradictorum libere et quiete possidere inire et occupare. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum (quo in hac parte utimur) præsentibus apposuimus. Datum Dunelm. ultimo die Aprilis Anno Domini 1684.

Concordat cum Decreto. Gab. Newhouse, Registrarius.

This is a true copy of the abovesaid graunt of the pew or stall belonging to Mr Richard Lee in the church, as is above mentioned.

Legacies [as in late preceding years].

Disbursements for the yeare 1683.—For the treat to the parson att the Visitacion day, 12 s. 6 d. For bread and wine att the private Communion by the Lo. Bpp. and Deane, 3 s. 1 d. To the bell ringers on the 9th of September last, 7 s. For a Quarter Communion bread and wine, 6 s. 8 d. To John Key for leather for the bells, 8 d. For bread and wine att the Communion Septr 30, 4 s. 1 d. Paid to the King's auditors 8^{ber} 17, and for the acquittance, 1 s. 4 d. For bread and wine att a private Communion, 3 s. 1 d. For 6 iron cotterells to the bells, 1 s. For John Struther's coate for cloth, triming, and makeing, 1 l. 2 s. 11 d. For bread and wine att the

Christmas Quarter Communion, 5 s. 2 d. For leather more for the bells, 10 d. For the little bell tongue mending, 2 s. 6 d. For irons for the said bell, 9 s. 6 d. To Nicholas Coulson for worke and a new wheele, as by his note appeares, 2 l. To him more for 3 dayes worke and drinkes, 5 s. For one stirrup for the 2nd bell and altering another, 1 s. 8 d. For one bolt and a dogg, 1 s. 4 d. For another dogg, 8 d. For the presentment att the Lo. Bpp.'s visitacion, 1 s. To Robert Johnson for makeing the hood, 3 s. 6 d. To Mr Paxton for callico for a new surplesse, 1 l. 13 s. 9 d. To Mr Hutchinson for serge for the hood, 13 s. To Mr Morland for the taffety for the lineing, 10 s. 3 d. For the surplesse makeing, 7 s. 6 d. To Hugh Hutchinson for severall sheetes of parchment put into the Register booke, and new bindeing, 1 l. 5 s. For the latteny deske cloth mending, 2 d. For bread and wine att the severall Communions at Easter and Low Sunday, 1 l. 7 s. 9 d. To Roger Wilkinson for pulling downe the wall, 5 s. To Henry Fawdon for makeing up the wall and all materialls, 1 l. 13 s. 4 d. To Henry Fawdon's man for breaking downe the West windowes, 6 d. For 35 foote of new glasse for the said windowes, 17 s. 6 d. For 19 iron barrs for the West windowes, 6 s. 4 d. For laying mettall in severall pewes, and mending where was needfull, 2 s.

Disbursed in toto, 24 l. 18 s. 3 d. *Received in toto*, 26 l. 4 s. 3 d. *Resting in our hands*, 1 l. 15 s. 1 d.

October 29, 1684.—Memorandum itt was then ordered by William Paxton and George Richardson Churchwardens for the parish of St Nicholas and others thatt Robert Webster of the same parish may bueld a pew or stall before the Bell loft doore the next adjoyneing to John Wilson pew; in witness whereof we have hearunto sett our hands the day and yeare abovesayd. George Richardson.

October 29, 1684.—Mem. it was then ordered by Wm Paxton and George Richardson, churchwardens, and others of the parish of St Nicholas, that John Wilson of the same parish may build a pew or stall before the Bell loft next adjoyneing to Robert Webster pew.

October 30, 1684.—Mem. it was then ordered by Wm Paxton and Geo. Richeson, Churchwardens of the parish of St Nicholas, that Arthur Walton is seated in the fifth pew from the buckets, for which we received 1 s.

Mem. it was then also ordered by, &c., . . . that the wife

of Rob[t] Nixon, Currier, should sit in the pew or seat in the middle alley over against the pulpit and next above the pillar, for which we received 1 s.

[Henceforth the yearly notices of sesse, legacies, rents, &c., showing no variety, will not be given.]

1684. From Easter 1684 to Easter 1685.

Disbursements.—For whitening the church, 3 l. For plaistering and whitening the Vestrey, 15 s. For lime and the Porch whetening, 10 s. 8 d. Item for drink, 4 s. For 14 pecks of hair, 2 s. 6 d. For carrying rubbish out of the church by the L[d] Bpp.'s order, 5 s. For 10 sacks of lime to plaister where the Organ loft was, 5 s. For taking downe the Organ loft,[1] 4 s. 6 d. To Rob[t] Green for plaistering where the Organ loft stood, 2 s. 6 d. To Abraham Smith for the new pews, 2 l. 12 s. 0 d. P[d] for a deele, 1 s. For lime and plaistering the new pewes, 7 s. 6 d. For a garder for the bells, 1 s. 6 d. To Stephen Tayler for flagging by my Lord Bpp.'s order, 6 l. 7 s. 11 d. To Geo. Marley for the 10 Commandments, 12 l. 10 s. 0 d. To the ringers for ringing the day that the king was proclaimed, 7 s. 6 d. Paid to them upon the Coronacion day, 10 s. For bread and wine at severall times, 2 l. 15 s. 0 d. For the King's rent, 1 s.—*Total,* 42 l. 4 s. 8 d.

1685 to Easter 1686.

Disbursements.—P[d] the ringers the day Munmouth was beaten,[2] 7 s. P[d] the ringers the thanksgiving day, 7 s. To Nich. Coulson for worke about the bells and leads, 3 l. 10 s. 6 d. Item for drinks, 4 s. 8 d. To W[m] Snawdon for worke about the leads, 3 l. 5 s. Item for drinks, 2 s. 2 d. To John Key for dressing the back church yard, 1 s. To the ringers when the Lord Bishop came in, 1 s. P[d] hearth money for the Vestry, 4 s. To Abraham Smith for a desk, 3 s. 6 d. To Stephen Taylor for whitening the church, 1 l. 15 s. 0 d. For ringing upon the King's birthday, 7 s. For ringing upon the

(1) Though there has been frequent mention of the organ loft, now removed, and of pews therein, there has been no reference to an organ. It had probably been removed during Puritan ascendency. At St. Oswald's the organ pipes were sold A.D. 1622–23. See p. 177.

(2) See p. 208, note (1).

King's proclamacion day,[1] 7 s. For a coate for Jo. Stoddart, 1 l. 1 s. 8 d. For bread and wine at severall times, 3 l.

1686 to Easter 1687.

Disbursements.—To the ringers the day the Bpp. came in, 1 s. 6 d. For hanging the Commandments, 8 s. 8 d. P^d^ Henry Arrowsmith for chines [*chains?*] for the 10 Commandments, 10 s. 6 d. To the ringers when the King was proclaimed, 7 s. For the King's Armes, 3 l. 6 s. 8 d. For bread and wine at severall times, 2 l. 10 s. 0 d.—*Total*, 20 l. 19 s. 1 d.

August the 15th, 1686.—Md. that the day and yeare above written Abraham Paxton and Nicholas Paxton the elder did purchase of the present churchwardens, Mr William Paxton and George Richardson, one pew on the South syde of the church, adjoyning to Alderman John Hall on the one syde and Mr Adamson on the other syde. Witnesses whereof, Jo. Martin, Robt Forster, Wm Paxton, Geo. Richardson.

We William Paxton and George Richardson, Churchwardens of the parish church of St Nicholas in the city of Durham, as well in consideracion of ten shillings of lawfull English money, to us or one of us now in hand paid by Elizabeth Adamson, Widow, and Executrix of Ralph Adamson, Gentleman, deceased (as in consideracion of the said Mr Adamson's surrendring up a pew or seat he had in the said church unto Mr John Martin, Clerke) Do hereby for us and our successors assigne and confirm unto the said Elizabeth Adamson, her Executors and Assignes, All the pew or seat in the said church, now in her possession, to hold to her and to her Assignes for and in respect of her Messuage, Burgage, or Tenement scituate and being in Clapeth in the said city of Durham. As witnesse our hands the first day of November in the second year of the Reign of King James the Second over England, &c. Anno Domini 1686. Witnesses hereof: Jo. Martin, Robt. Forster, Wm Paxton, Geo. Richardson.

Rules to be observed by the churchwardins of St Nicholas Parish in Durham, made this 13th day of December, in the yeare of our Lord 1687.

Imprimis, that there shall be six Ringers for to ring the 5 bells in the abovesaid St Nicholas church, and that they shall

(1) Charles II. died February 6, 1685.

have for ringing the 5 bells at funeralls six shillings, and if one bell onely, twelfe peence.

2ly That the Bellringers shall be approved one by John Midleton Esqr and his companny.

3ly That noe peale shall be rung after the passing bell, unlesse it be for the Master or Mistris or Wife being a house-keeper, or his or her son or daughter, being of the age or above of sixteen yeares, if desired by a freinde of the deceased.

4ly That none of the bellringers shall goe to any house after the funerall to receave their money, save onely the clarke or sagerston.

5ly That John Roddam shall make and assist the sagerston to make graves, and shall equally devide the fees betwixt them, and if any difrance happen betwixt them, to be referd to Mr John Martin, clarke.

6ly That upon Sundayes they shall ring the first bell at twelfe a clocke, for the second bell at one a clocke they shall chyme two bells, and when all in they shall chyme three bells or all, and ring the great bell for the Searmond bell.

7ly That one the eaves of all Holidayes and upon Hollidayes and Saturday nights shall chyme three bells for all in at Morning and Eavening Prayers.

8ly That the ringers shall have paid seaven shillings for ringing one the King's birthday, the fifth day of November, and the twentie ninth day of May, or upon any day of thankes-giveing.

9ly That the bell ropes shall be bought of them that will make them best and sell the cheapest.

10ly For laying the lairstalls in the church six shillings and eight peence.

11ly That the clarke shall have for his yearly wage three shillings and fower peence a yeare.

12ly That the Sexton shall have for ringing a bell at fower a clocke every morning and ringing a bell at eight a clocke every night, and for his other wages belonging to the church, twentie shillings a yeare.

13ly That the clocke be removed up to the high loft in the steaple.

14ly That noe man shall continue churchwardin longer than one yeare.

15ly That whoeever person or persons invites to a funerall shall within two houres after the time invited carrye the said

corpes from the said house to the church or chappell where the said person is to be interred, and if any person or executor shall refuse soe to doe shall forfitt and pay unto the churchwardins of the said parish the sum of thirtie nine shillings and eleaven peence, and the saime shall be given to the poore of the said parish.

16^{ly} That the twentie fower of this parish, being lawfully warned by the sexton a night before, upon not appearing shall forfitt twelfe peence, haveing noe lawfull excuse.

We whose hands hereunder written doe approve and confirme the abovesaid orders with this hereunder written, viz. That the churchwardins and overseers for the poore shall bringe in once every mounth an account of all the poore of the parish that are or likely to be chargable, or have been admitted in the parish within this seaven yeares last past. The churchwardens and overseers not soe doeing shall forfitt three shillings fower peence per mounth, and the account to be given to the Mayor [' four and twenty' *inserted above* ' Mayor,'] for his time being mounthly.

Robert Delavall, Major. Jo. Duck, Jo. Hall, Jo. Middleton, Robt Lambe, William Hodgson, Robt Johnson.

Md. That there is by us the present churchwardens Mr Robson and Mr Trotter for a seate in the pew adjoyning to the West end of the wall for Arthure Ridley, being under the now bucketts there hanging, received twelve pence.

As also by George Walton for his seate now being the pew adjoyning unto the parish clerke on the East part thereof paid xij d.

As also Mary Richardson, the wife of Phillip Richardson, Cordwainer, for hir seate in 2^{d} pew to Alderman's wifes' pew westward, adjoyning to the midle alley, haveing received 12 d.

Jo. Martin.—Robt Robson.

Md. That there is received by us the abovesaid churchwardens of Phillip Richardson, Cordwainer, 4 d. for his seate, being the third seat on the South Ile of the church.

Md. That the sixth pew in the midle Ile on the North side of the church is appointed for Mrs Robson, wife of Mr Robert Robson, and Mrs Frissell, wife of Mr John Frissell, to be therein seated, and hath for the consideracion thereof paid in hand five shillings.

Feby 12, 1689. Mrs Ridly, wife of Mr Ridly, is admitted in the plase of Mrs Robson. Paid for it 5 s.

Md. That the seaventh pew in the midle Isle on the North syde of the church is appointed for Mr William Surtice, an inhabitant in Framwelgate for his tennants liveing in Claypeth, namely Richard Bradeley, Thomas Dickinson, and Henry Herins, and the other his tennants, and those that shall successively follow or live in the same houses, for and in consideracion of two shillings paid by the said Mr Surtice to the now present churchwardens.

Md. That the eight pew, in the middle Ile on the North side of the church is appointed and decreed to Mr Charles Hodgshon, Apothecary. Memorandum that the said Charles Hodgshon built the pew in the year 1701 with wainscott.

Md. That the fourth pew on the South side of the church next to Mr Adamson's the Court has decreed to Simon Ingleby, Marchant, and to his heires.

Jo. Martin.—Witness Simon Ingleby } Churchwardens.

Thomas Ridley, White smith, paid for his seat in the 3 pew next to the buckets on the South side of the church, he paying 12 d.

May 16, 1693.—Wee whose names are hereunder written doe hereby allow that we are willing that the severall parsons who have not paid their proportions of the last assesment towards the repares of the church may be presented at the Archdeacon's visitations, and doe hereby oblige ourselves to give our assent to the allowing of their expences in case of defence. Witness our hands,

Wheatley Dobson, Mayor, &c. [11 *more signatures*].

From Easter 1690 to Easter 1691.

Receipts for pews.—Recd of Andrew Miller for a pouw next the piller of the North side, 1 s. Recd of George Shaw and Stephen Hodshon for their seates in the third pew next the funt by Joseph Dun and Jo. Wilson, churchwardens, the sume of 1 s. Recd of John Evans for a seat for his wife in the second pew next the great church door, 1 s. Jo. Wilson.—Joseph Dun.

Disbursements from Easter, 1690, to Easter, 1691.[1]

May 5°: To Matthew Shaw for 4 bells, 2 s. 6 d. 16°: For bell ropes, 1 l. 5 s. For leather to the bell tongues, 2 s. 8 d. 18°: Parson Marshall, 1 s. 3 d. 25°: Do. Addams, 1 s. 3 d. 29°: for ringing, 7 s. 6 d. June 18°: Parson Chilton, 1 s. 3 d. 4 bottles wine, 3 d. in bread, 4 s. 11 d. For taking up and hinging the bells, 1 s. 6 d. 29°: When the L[d] Bishop came, 2 s. 6 d.

YEARS 1693 AND 1694.

Receipts.—Item of M[r] Deane his benevolence to the building of the church gates, 5 l. *For pewes.*—Of Mr. George Shaw and Stephen Hodgson for their seats in the third pew next the Font, 1 s. 4 d.

Disbursements.--For six dayes ringing, 2 l. 2 s. 0 d. P[d] for goeing to Aycliffe to veiw land to be bought for the churches use, 3 s. 6 d. For wine for severall Communions to M[rs] Shyres, 2 l. 16 s. 8 d. More Aug. 28[th] to her for wine, 1 l. 15 s. 0 d. For oyle and cottering of the bells, 4 s. 6 d. To John Wells and M[r] Hall for the Beadle's blew cote triming and making, 19 s. 6 d. For wine to M[rs] Staggs paid, 18 s. 4 d. To William Browne's wife for giveing lodging to a woman with child by M[r] Dobson's order, the Major, 2 s. To M[rs] Shyres for wine for Communions att Easter last, 12 s. 6 d. To M[r] Elridge for wine, 14 s. 2 d. For foure visitations the Court fees and bookes, with the Minister's treats accustomed, 3 l. 4 s. 0 d. *Total*, 36 l. 14 s. 7 d.

Received in all, 29 l. 5 s. 2 d. Out of purse, 7 l. 9 s. 5 d.

Among the 'Collections upon Breifes' is,—August, 1694. For the persecuted Protestants of France. [*Sum not given.*]

Among the legacies received is, Inprimis of the Lady Duck for Sparkes legacy for two yeares, 13 s. 4 d.

(1) About this time things seem to have been in a slack state. There have been no entries of disbursements since 1686, and there are none of any kind between 1690 and 1693, a few pages being left blank in the interval. In this year, too (1690–91), the disbursements are very few, being mainly on the bells, the continual attention required to which, in this as in other books, is remarkable. Only four bottles of wine are got for Communion, and apparently on one occasion only. The time embraces the revolution of 1688, and the early years of William and Mary; Crewe being bishop, and James Sanderson incumbent. Dennis Granville, Dean and Archdeacon of Durham, had fled from the deanery in 1688, and was deprived in 1691. See above, p. 218, note (3).

Year ending Easter 1696.

Receipts for lairstalls (N.B. 27 in this one year), 3 l. 5 s. 0 d.

Disbursements.—For ringing att the takeing of Naymouth Castle,[1] 5 s. For a thanksgiveing day ringing, 7 s. For bread and wine this yeare, 3 l. 1 s. 4 d. To John Blaker for laying the large blew stone in the midle alley, 2 s.

Aprill 2, 1696. Mem^{d}: Whereas one bond of ten pounds dated the one and thirtieth day of January (89) and another bond of twenty pounds dated the third of February (89), being the gift and moneys of Mrs Mary Fenwick[2] late deceased of St Nicholas in the city of Durham towards the fund for a preaching minister for the said parish, the said two bonds are now delivered up into the hand of John Gordon Esqre now present Major and John Hall, Alderman and Trustee for the said moneys by Mrs Margaret Trotter, relicte of Mr Ralph Trotter the then churchwarden. Test. Joseph Dun, Ralph Gelson, Willm Midleton.

The Buriall Order.

Whereas it is and for many yeares last past hath been found by common experience to be very inconvenient for persons of business to attend the funerals of relations and acquaintances in the city and suburbs of Durham by reason that noe certaine rule or method for directing such funerals hath hitherto been publiquely established and ordered for the said city and suburbs, whereby people have stayed at such funerals 2 or 3 houres or more, which tends to the discouragement of attending and accompanying funerals there; people thereby neglecting their own necessary occasion and business:—For the remedieing whereof for the future It is ordered by Wheatley Dobson, Esqre, Major, and the Aldermen and Common Counsel of the said city in Common Counsell assembled as aforesaid,—That from and after the first day of January 169$\frac{6}{7}$ noe longer time shall be allowed for the gathering together at the funerall house and serveing the people there then 2 houres; And that notice of the time when they shal begin to gather to such funeral shal be given by some proper and fitt person or officer in the said

(1) *Sic.* Can *Namur* be meant, which was captured by William III. during the war against the French, September 1, 1695, after a long siege?

(2) This is the lady who left the chalice described p. 210, note (2).

city or suburbs to be appointed and elected by each parish in the said city or suburbs by the consent of the four and twenty for each of the said parishes, who shal continue in such office for such time as the said four and twenty shal direct in each of the said parishes; And for the better and more publique notice of the said time soe appointed for such funerals the bell or bells of the parish where the Corps are to be interred shal ring exactly at the houre at which notice is given for such funerals; And the bell or bells shal begin to ring a second time at one houre's space afterwards, and a third time one quarter of an houre before the expiracion of the 2nd houre appointed for attending such funerals; And the saxton of each parish church shal imediately upon the begining to ring the third time repaire to the house where the corps are, and there give notice to some of the family that the said 3rd time of ringing is begunn, and there admonish them to carry away the said corps. And if the said saxton be negligent therein, he shal hereby incurr the forfeiture of his place, and a new saxton to be chosen in his roome or steed; And the owner of such house or principal manager of such funerall shal forfeit for his or their defalt to the Bpp. of Durham for the time being 39 s. 11 d., and the like summe to the poore of parish where such funerall is. And it is hereby further ordered That the persons present at such funerall at the end of the said 2 houres shal depart from such house as the said corps are at upon paine of one shilling a piece to the Bpp. and one shilling to the poore of the parish where such funerall is, and to be recovered in the Town Court in the said city by action of debt together with costs of such suite by amerciment there: And it is hereby further ordered that for the better discovery of such persons as are negligent in the observeance hereof the saxton or proper officer of each parish shal attend at the house where such funeral is, And give notice within 2 daies afterward of the person or persons names who are breakers or non observers hereof to the end they may be proceeded against for the recovery of the forfeitures aforesaid: And it is further ordered that if any inhabitant in the said city or suburbs shal not observe this order they shal be raised 2 d. per month to the reliefe of the poore; And if any freeman shal be an ofender herein, besides the forfeitures aforesaid he shal be uncapeable of receiveing any part of the publique charities of the said city and suburbs either for himself or children. Out of which

forfeitures the Major for the time being shal make recompence to such officer or person as give informacion of offenders against this order as in his discretion he shal think fit, and the surplusage of such forfeiture to be distributed in the parish where such funerall is at the said Major's discretion among the poore inhabitans there: And for the better inforceing the observacion of the premises, It is hereby further ordered that every Society or Company within the said city shal enter into their books of orders this order, and under it an order to this purpose, that they whose names are thereunto subscribed with the order above written upon paine of the forfeitures aforesaid to be recovered and levyed as aforesaid. It is likewise ordered that several copies hereof shal be sent to the several parish clerks within the city and suburbs to take care of the due observacion hereof.

December 31, 1696. At the Tolebooth the said day the Major and Aldermen being present at a meeteing have elected and chosen Thomas Jackson as the proper and fit officer as relateing to this order for burialls. Wheat. Dobson, Major, &c.

Year ending April 1697.

Disbursements.—Whitsontide six bottles of wine, 10 s. Bread, 3 d. July 12th, six bottles of wine, 10 s. For wine at severall Communions, 2 l. 3 s. 0 d. October 8th pd. the ringers, 7 s. November 4th p^{d} to the ringers, 2 s. 6 d. *Ditto* Novr 5th, 7 s. A lock for Mr. Mayor's stall, 2 s. 6 d. For silk and makeing a hood, 17 s. 6 d. For the beadle's coate, 1 l. For leveling the church yard, 7 s. 6 d.—*Total*, 15 l. 16 s. 8 d.

Year ending Easter, 1698.

Disbursements.—P^{d} to the ringers, Lord Lumley in the city, 5 s. To the ringers at the proclamacion of peace, 7 s.[1] October 30th p^{d} to the ringers, 7 s. Nov. 19, to the ringers when the King returned to London, 7 s. Decr 2th, At the rejoicing when peace was proclamed, to the ringers, 8 s. A pair of stairs to the Vestry and a piece of timber nailed above the vestry door, 1 l. 10 s. 0 d. For altering the clerk's surpcloth, 1 s. For registring upon the Act of Weddings, 3 s. 4 d. For bread for Communion at severall times, 2 s.

(1) The treaty of Ryswick, which ended William III.'s war with France, was concluded in September, 1697.

Aprill 10, 1700. Rec[d] of Robert Davison for a seat in the third pew next the litle doore, 1 s. And the like of Ralfe Evens, 1 s.; and Samuell Hollyman, 1 s., by us churchwardens, Rich. Padman, Thomas Paxton.

Feb[y] 18, 1700. Rec[d] of Rowland Stoute for his seat in a pew adjoyning unto the wall under the bucketts, whear his father Abraham Stoute formerly sat, 4 d. Rec[d] of John Hunter, Cordwainer, for his seat in the saime pew where he hath sit 23 years, 1 s. (*erased*). Feb[y] 24: Rec[d] of John Justice for his seat in the third pew to the buckets at South end of the said seat, whear he hath sat 4½ years, 1 s. March 21, 1700; Rec[d] of William Corne for his seat in the pew where his father formerly sat, being the 2[nd] pew next to the great church door under the pulpet, 4 d.

July 2, 1701. Mem. That there is by us the present churchwardens Arthur Walton and Cuthbert Bainbridge for a seate for Thomas Vasey, his wife, his son Thomas, and daughter Eleoner Vasey, for the fifth pew from the Aldermen's seate in the middle ally on the North side of the pulpitt the sume of two shillings.

June 1, 1702. Mem. That there is by us, &c. . . . for a seat one the South side of the church in the fifth seat from the buckets, received of Samuel Clarke for his seate their, 4 d.

May 29, 1702. Mem. That their is by the churchwardens, &c. . . . for a seate for John Peert the —— pew the West end of the ——, towards the North ally, where Geo. Peert formerly sate, 4 d.

Jan[y] 14, 1702. Mem. That there is by the churchwardens Michaell Tinkler and Robert Downes for a seat on the South side of the church, fifth seat from the bucketts, rec[d] of George Dickinson for his seat there, 4 d.—Michaell Tinckler.

Inventory of utensills and goods belonging to the church A.D. 1702. Two Common Prayer Bookes, one greate large Bible, three greate bookes chained to two pillars, viz. Jewell and Harding, Erasmus' Paraphrase, and the booke of the proceedings of King Charles the first and the Long Parliament, with two larger silver flagons, a large silver challace with a cover, a lesser silver challace with a cover, which lesser silver challice is kept in the church, 4 pewter plates, 2 pewter basons, 2 surpcloaths, 2 pulpit cloaths, 2 Communion table cloaths,

one cushion, a box containing the writtings belonging to the said church, with one booke of Homilies, one old booke concerning the pews and seats of the church.

March 2, 1703. MEMORANDUM, That there is by us the present churchwardens, Robert Downes and Michaell Tinckler, for a seat on the south side of the church in the fifth pewe from the buckkets, where he hath sit this forty years and his father before him. Received of Thomas Lee for his seat, 1 s.——Robt Downes.—Michaell Tinckler.

March the 24th 1702. MEMORANDUM. By vertue of an order from the Rt. Worshipfull Doctor Brookbank, Spiritual Chancellor, dated the twenty second day of October in the yeare of Our Lord God 1701, under the seale of the Ecclesiasticall Office, Hath granted and confirmed unto Mr Robt Lamb of the citty of Durham One pew or seat in the parish church of St Nicholas in Durham aforesaid, adjoyneing to the wall of the said church to the South, the middle walk in the same church to the North, the common way leading to the Reading desk to the East, and the stall or pew there used by Robt Nixon and others to the West, containeing in length eight feet, and in breadth thre feet or thereabouts; which said pew is actually confirmed by vertue of the order abovementioned to the said Robt Lamb, his wife and family for ever.——Witnesses hereof:—

Robt Downes } Churchwardens.
Michaell Tinckler }

July the 19th 1703. MEMORANDUM. That by vertue of an order from the Rt. Worshipfull Doctor Brookbank, Spiritual Chancellor, dated the fifteenth day of March Anno Domini 1700, and under the seale of the Ecclesiasticall Office, Hath granted and confirmed unto John Perkin, John Hunter, John Ditchburne, Richard Brice, Rowland Stout, and Abraham Stout, all of the citty of Durham, One pew or seat in the parish church of St Nicholas in Durham, adjoyning to the wall of the said church to the South East, and the South walk leadeing to the pulpitt on the West, and the stall or seat there used by Joseph Dunn and others to the East, containeing in length twelve feet, and in breadth five feet or thereabouts, which said pew is actually confirmed by vertue of the order abovesaid to the said Jo. Perkin, Jo. Hunter, Jo. Ditchburne, Richd Brice, Rowland and Abraham Stout, their wifes and familys, soe long as they

duly come to the said church and inhabit within the said parish.—Witnesses hereof:

Rob[t] Downes } Churchwardens.
Michaell Tinckler }

March 22, 170$\frac{2.}{3}$ Memorand: That, whereas there was a pew in the church next to the little door but one vacant, the said pew is assigned over to Jos. Busby and Fran. Richardson, and their families, so long as they shall remaine in the said parish by us.

Rob. Downes } Church-
Mich. Tinckler } wardens.

Rec[d] the same time for installing Jos. Busby and Francis Richardson, 2 s. Rec[d] of Tho. Lee for his pew . . . , 1 s.

Rec[d] of William Rippon four pence for his own and his wife's seat in the pew where John Rackett, son and heire of William Rackett deceased, formerly satt, being the second pew next to the great church door near the pulpitt, which said seats are now assigned to the said William Rippon in respect of his tenement lately purchased in Silver Street which formerly belonged to the Racketts; as witnessed our hands this 27[th] day of February Anno Domini 1720.

Ralph Harrison: George Dale.

VESTRY BOOK OF THE PARISH OF HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING.

Vol. I. 1592–1669.

This earliest account-book is a folio volume containing 208 leaves, 'numbred 25 Mar. 1648' (208 *verso*),[1] size 10½ by 7½ inches. It was bound and paper added in 1631 (92) but being all in pieces and much decayed has recently been thoroughly repaired and rebound in calf. Blank pages have been inserted in place of those which are lost. The accounts of receipts and expenses extend from 1595 to 1669, but there are various memoranda in different parts of the book, which will here be given in chronological order. The earliest relate to the assignment of seats to the parishioners, as on ff. 98–101, which contain lists of the occupants of the several stalls as altered again and again by erasing some names and substituting others. At the foot of fo. 101 v. (cropped in 1631) we find the following note :—

'John Humble Churchwarden Anno Domini 1591, hathe and did —— names and surnames of the owners of men and women stales —— —— Maie, Anno Domini 1592.'

On fo. 101 are the words 'John Humble, Churchwarden, 1591,' and then follow the women's stalls on the north side with names as assigned by him. Fo. 96 v. is blank, and 97 wanting ; 98 begins with a different portion of the same assignment. The main heads are here given, with specimens of particular parts. The names substituted are printed in italics. Similar lists of occupants of seats in St. Lawrence's, Reading, in 1607, are printed in Kerry's History of that church (1883) pp 79-82.

(1) These numbers, and those in the margins, refer to the leaves in the MS.

A.D. 1591.

98. Robert Chilton on the north Raw, Newbutle. Item, The second stall next the pulpit on the west openeth on the north.

Willm. John Cooke.
Robert Welshe. *Johne Welshe.*
Thomas Trewhet. *Weddow Trewhete.*[1]
Item, The thirde stall.
Willm. Wilkinson. *Holder.*
Michaell. James Robinson.
John Tode.
Willm. Watson.

Item, The longe stall of the southe side of the church. [Ten original names, most of which have had others substituted, and some of these others again.]

Item, The forme on the north side of the queare, 5.[2] The stalle next within the church doore, 2. The stall at the bel-house doore, 2.

98 v. Inprimis on the northe side of the queare doore the first stall, 3. Item the seconde stall from the queare doore, 5; the thirde *etc.*, 5; the stall next before the piller, 2; the first stall next the piller on the north side, 4; the second stall, 3; (99) the third, 4; the fourthe, 4; the longe stall on the northe side of the church, 12; the forme before, 2; the forme behind Mr Burn stall, 4; the forme before wedow Guy stall, 5; (99 v.) Stalls appointed for women on the southe side.

Robert Robinson wife.
George Haall wife.
Edwarde Simson wife.
John Todde wife.
Willm. Wilkinson wife.
Willi. Wealsh.

The second stall, 5; the thirde, 5; the fourthe, 3; the fifte, 5; (100) the sixte, 5; the seventh, 4; the eight, 4; the ninthe, 5; the tenthe, 2.

(1) Observe that, although the sexes were divided, a widow might occupy the 'room' of her husband.

(2) Only the stalls will now be given, with the number of names or places assigned to each *prima manu*, unless in particular cases.

The first of the short stales in the mids of the churche, 2; 2d to 9th, 2 each; 10th to 12th, 1 each. 100 v.

The first of the women stales on the north side, 4; seconde, 3; third, 4; fourth, 2; (101 v.) fifte, 2; sixt, 3; seventh, 1; eight, 3; ninthe, 0; tenthe, 2.

[*In a later hand.*] The long stall in the South porche before the Orgaines; Thomas Mawklane next the North end iiij d., John Nicolson iiij d. Robert Fawdon for a stall in the North porch of the North side of the stares, iiij d. 102.

Richard Walsh haith bould a stall besyed the pulpit the xvijth of Janawary 1604, iiij d. In a new stall in the upper end of the long stall; Thomas Chillton of Houghton, younger, John Chilton his brother, Thomas Jackson.

The seat in the North porch taken by these, viz. Thomas Chilton, William Powlson, Thomas Matthew, Robert Broughe.

Leonard Smith }
John Smith } a pew next the minister's.

Mr Henry Lambton; 2 pewes newly built in the North porch joining of Mr Hamcoot's.

See further as to pews ff. 106–110.

1595.[1] Disbursed by the Churchwardens as followeth for bred and wyne and there charges:— 4.

Inprimis for bread and wyne the Feast of St John Baptist, vj s. x d. Item for a bell rope,[2] ——. Item for mendinge of

(1) The accounts for this year and the receipts for 1596 are transcribed in full: afterwards extracts only. The following points may be noticed in this and subsequent years: 1. There were usually (till after the Restoration) only three Communion seasons (though sometimes four), except when there were special celebrations (probably ordered by the Spiritual Court) for persons who had neglected to communicate, and were required to do so. There were usually several celebrations at the Easter season. 2. As at Pittington, the wine appears to have been purchased for each occasion, the churchwardens going for it to Durham, Newcastle, or Sunderland, and bringing it in a 'runlet,' or cask. 3. Here the cost was met from the first by regular cessments for the purpose; nor was there the same difficulty about it that appears in the parish of Pittington. See, however, memorandum on the subject A.D. 1604. 4. The bells seem to have been always rung during the whole of the Coronation Day, the churchwardens as well as the ringers having their dinners and suppers provided. Other occasions will be noticed. 5. The system with regard to 'stalls' and 'lairstalls,' and the payments for both, was the same as at Pittington, except that *wives* as well as *men* had, at Houghton, seats assigned them from the first, and that entries or renewals of stalls are continual annually in this parish, and that the system of appropriation is generally more developed.

(2) Edge of leaf gone.

the Glaswindowes, ——. Item upon the visitation daye to Roddam, ——. Item to the examener that day lykewyse, ——. Item our charges for owre dinners, ——. Item our charges when wee hyred the Glasner and our attendance, ——. Item for a peck of lyme and for cole, ——. Item our charges for our dinners, ——. Item for the mendinge of a stale, ——. Item upon the Coronacion day to the ringers, ij s. vj d. Item for theire breakfast, xij d. Item for their dinners, ij s. Item for our owen dinners, xij d. Item for our suppers, viij d. Item candells, iiij d. Item for coles, iij d.

At the Feast of the Nativitie.

Item for bread and wyne, vj s. ij d. Item for charges at two severall goinges, viij d. Item to the examener when wee appered before Docter Collmer,[1] xij d. Item our charges that day, xiiij d. Item paid to Docter Colmer the 24th of Jan. 1595 for Rogge money,[2] xiij s. Item to the armarar for dressinge the harnesse,[3] v s. Item to somner, ij d. Item our charges that day, iiij d. Item to the armarrar payd by William Liddle, xij d. Item to the Clark, xij d.

4 v. Disbursed at the Feast of Easter by the Churchwardens for b. and wyne, and theire charges: —

Inprimis for bread and wyne and the charges for the carrage, xij s. ij d. Item for b. and wyne upon Easter even, v s. Item for the cariage, iiij d. Item rec. for Ufferton for bread and wyne, iiij s. vj d. [*erased*]. Item for bread more upon Easter day, ij d. Item payd for mendinge of the Church showle, j d. Item payd for mendinge of stalles, iiij d. Item payd for bread and wyne of the last receiving daye, vij d.

May 23, 1596.

Debtes owinge the Churche wardenes for the last yeare.

Imprimis thexecutars of William Ayraye, iij s. iiij d. Item John Casson for the layrestall of Richard Casson, xx d. Item Mr Raiphe Carr for the cessment of ij d. ye li., xviij d. Item Mr. Carr for bread and wine, iij d.

5. Churchwardens for this yeare 1596: Robert Rutter;

(1) Dr. Clement Colmore, Spiritual Chancellor A.D. 1582.
(2) Rogue money. See Pittington Book, p. 19, note (1).
(3) On Parish Armour, see Pittington Book, p. 43, note (2).

Anthonye Smart; Thomas Wilkinson of East Rainton; George Enrrye.

An accounte is mayd by the old churchwardeins and received by the new churche wardeines, xlvj s. 1 d.

[*On the left-hand side of the page, under the names of the Ch. wardens, follow those of* 'the xxiv,' *and of* 'the iiij syde men.']

ANNO DOMINI 1596.—In primis rec. of Mr Casson for his sonn's larestall, ——.[1] Item rec. of Mr Rafe Carr of Cocken for sesment money, ——. Item rec. of weddow Ayrye for a larestall, ——. Item rec. of Thomas Matleye for renewing his wyfes stall, ——. Item rec. of Richard Welsh for Thomas Trewhett stall, ——. Item rec. for Robert Welsh stall, iiij d. Item rec. of Robert Taler for a stall, iiij d. Item rec. of William Cayton for a stall, iiij d. Item rec. of John Lampton for his mother's larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. more for renewing his mother's stall, ij d. Item rec. of George Rogerson for his mother's stall, ij d. Thomas Maytland for his stall in the South porch next to the North end of the stalls, iiij d. Item rec. of Richard Robinson for his brother's larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of wedow Wylson for a stalle, iiij d. Item rec. of Roberte Chylton of Newbottle for his father and his two brethren's larestalls, viij s. Item more for the roome in the stalle, ij d. Item rec. of Raphe Pendreath for his wyfe's larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of Weddow Wyllson for her husband's larestalle, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. of weddow Symson for the stalle where her husband did sit, iiij d. Item rec. of Thomas Casson for his childes larestall, xx d. Item rec. of wedow Wilson for her housbandes larestall, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. for John Johnson his larestall, iij s. iiij d. (5 v.) Item rec. for wedow Rogerson her larestall of Mathew Barns, iij s. iiij d. Item rec. for wedow Surret and hir sonne William their larestalls, vj s. viij d. Item. rec. of Thomas Wilkinson of Est Rantone for a stalle, iiij d. Item rec. of Roberte Rutter for a stalle to his wyfe, ij d.

Item rec.[2] of John Grene for bread and wyne, of Thomas Watson, of John Atcheson, —— vj d.; of Richard Caverley, William Clark, and Roger Bemond, Item for bread and wyne, vj d.; of West Herrington for seasment and bread and wyne, iiij s. xj d.; of East and Middle Herrington for seasment and

(1) Edge of leaf gone. (2) 'Item rec.,' &c. will now be omitted.

bread and wyne, iv s. viij d.; of Ufferton for seasment and bread and wyne, iiij s.; of Pensher for seasment and bread and wyne, v s. viij d.; of Newbottle for seasment and bread and wyne, x s.; of Hetton as before, iij s. viij d.; more for Hetton seasment, v s. iiij d.; of Moresley for seasment and bread and wyne, ij s. vj d.; of West Raynton for seasment and bread and wyne, vj s. ij d.; of East Raynton for seasment and bread and wyne, v s. iiij d.; of Houghton for seasment and bread and wyne; item rec. of Houghton for b. and wyne, vj s. vj d.; of Houghton for seasment, iij s. viij d.; of Murton and Warden Law for bread and wyne and seasment, ij s. vij d.; of Mr George Boyes for seasment money, ij s. ij d.—viij l. iiij s. v d.

Anno Domini 1596.—Disbursed by the Churchwardens at the Feast of Penticost for bread and wyne and their charges.

Inprimis for bread and wyne, viij s. ix d.; item our charges, iiij d.; paid for a Runlett, ix d.; more bread, v d.; when we appered at the Court the 17th of July before the Archdeacon,[1] iiij d.; our charges that day, xviij d.; when we appered before Mr Hutton[2] for the presentation of those that came not to morning and eveninge prayer our charges, viij d.; geven to Symon Humble for mendinge the church porch and over hed above where it did rayne in, viij d.; for our apperance upon the seane daye[3] beinge the 5th of October and our charges that daye, iij s. ij d.; paid for a showle, iiij d.; to the wright for renting of lattes and mending the steeple windowes, viij d.; for his dinner, iiij d.; for nayles to the same work, iiij d.; our charges upon the Crownnation day the rinngers dinners and the Churchwardens, iiij s. vj d.; payd to the Ringgers for ringging the bells, iij s.; for one sack of coles, iij d.; for half a pound of sope and di. pounde of greece, iij d.; to the armerer for dressinge the harnesse, vj s. vj d.; for a surplesse to the parysh clark, v s. ix d.; to the glaysner, iij s. viij d.; for a lether to the bell tounge, xvj d.; for making the surplesse, xij d.; geven to Robert Waytson's wyfe for washing the syrtpt [?] cloyse that the old churche wardens . . .

(1) William Moreton, Vicar of Newcastle, Archdeacon of Durham 1581–1620.

(2) Edward Hutton, S. T. B., Prebendary of Durham and Rector of Houghton-le-Spring. He was also official of the D. and C. after 1596. He may have acted on this occasion for Archdeacon Moreton, or for the Chancellor.

(3) Visitation. Cf. Pittington Book, p. 61, note (1).

Disbursed by the church wardens at the feast of the Nativitie for bread and wyne, 1596. 6 v.

Item for bread and wyne, ix s.; for gevinge in the bill for those that were absent from morning and evening prayer in the Archdeacon's Court our charges, iiij d.; for our dinner, iiij d.; for making a new borde, and pasting on of the table of Consanguinitie and Affinitie set up in the church, iiij d.; to the parreter William Nixson for the deliverie of the note that cam in writinge for the observation of the fasts of Wedenesdayes and Frydaies,[1] vj d.; given to the glaysner for repairing of the glas windowes, ij s. vj d.; for my dinner, iiij d.; for a showle, iij d.; to William Gowland for nales, ij d.; our charges at Durham for presentments, viij d.

At the feast of Easter for bread and wyne.

Item for bread and wyne, xiij s. vj d.; to Richard John[son ?] of Durham for the hurt soldiers and mariners, xiij s.; our charges for fetching of the wine, iiij d.; for mending of the surplesse, ij d.; a bell stringe, ij s. iiij d.; mor for wyne, iij s. iiij d.; mor for wyne, vj s. v d.; twoe laufse of breayde, our presentment on the sen day laste, ij s. ij d.; the bondding a shoule, ij d.; our laste goinge to Durhame with presentments, viij d.; to Roberte Waytsones wyfe for washyng the syrpte cloys and the table cloyse—for paper——

ANNO DOMINI 1596, OCTOBER xxxth.—This day William 116 v.
Powleson was chosen by the churchwardeins and fower and twentye to be sexston and must have of everye ploughe at Xpristenmas a loafe of wheat bread or else a pennye, and egges at Easter, and of every cottage a half pennye.

This presente xxj Aprill 1605 [?] William Dobson is chosen by the greater number of the churchwardeins and xxiiij^{tie} to be sexton, and his waiges ij d. for every grave making in the church yayrd and in the churche and other dewtyes for bread and egges as hathe bene formerly sett dowen by the churchwardeins and xxiiij. *See also* A.D. 1603, A.D. 1606, *and* A.D. 1611.

A.D. 1597.—An account mayd by the old churchewardeins 7.
for the last yeare and receyved by the newe churchewardens, lviij s. ij d.

The old churchwardeins do owe 13s.

(1) Cf. Pittington Book, p. 41, note (1).

[*On the left-hand side are the names of the four church-wardens and of* ' the xxiiij.']

Inprimis rec. of William Cooke for a stall, iiij d.; of Barnard Arcle for a stall, iiij d.; Antini Hurd for a roume in a staule, ——; of Robert Chilton for his wyves stall, iiij d.; of Robert Ruter, v s.; of Georg Currye, iij s. iiij d.; for a stale, x d.; of Jhon Shaldforth for a stall for his wife and him selfe, viij d.; of roge money of East Raynton and bread and wyne, vij s. [*Similar entries for* West Raynton, Moresley, iij s.; Murton, ij s. viij d.; Pencher, vj s.; West Herrington, vj s.; Middle and East Herrington, vj s.; Eppledon, iij s. [1] (7 v.); Newbottle, xij s.; Houghton, xj s.; Morehouse, viij d.; Hetton, xj s.]; of Biddick for roge money, iij s. iij d.; of Ufferton for sesment and bread and wyne, iij s.; of William Ayton for a lare stall, xx d.; of Parsivell Barkas for a lare stall, iij s. iiij d.; of Robert Tunstall for a lare stall, iij s. [?]; of Georg Ireland for a lare stall, xx d.; of Tho. Mathew for his mother's lare stall, iij s. iiij d. *Summa totalis*, viij l. x s. iij d.

ANNO DOMINI 1597.—*Disbursed by the Churchwardens as followeth*: In primis geven to Cicily Tomson and Alison Wallis for dressing of the Armar at the Commandement of Mr Richard Belasses, ij d. Item for bread and wyne, viij d.; more for bread and wyne at the Feast of all Sainctes, ix s. iiij d.; at the corononasion for sope, iiij d.; for whit ledder for the bells, vj d.; for mendinge of them, viij d.; for coles, vj d.; to Christopher Hall for mending of the greene stall and nayles, xij d.; to the ringgers and our charges that daye, viij s.; at the visitation holden at Chester, the feese of the Court and our charges, iij s. iiij d.; for paper, j d.; at the nativitie for bread wyne and our charges, ix s. iiij d.; to the armorer for dressing the harnesse, the eleventh of January, vj s. vj d.; to the glasiner for mending the glase windowes, x s. ix d.; to the plumber for mending of the leads and our charges, 33 s.; for coales to the glasiner and the plumber, xiij d.; for bread and wine at Easter, xix s. vij d.; for a spaide, x d.; paid to Doctor Coulmer, rogg-money, xiiij s. iiij d.; at the visitation the fees of the Courte and our charges that day, ij s. x d.; for washinge the surplesses and for writinge, ij s. iiij d.; for mending the church walle, iiij d. *Somma*, vj l. v s. v d.

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(1) Edge of leaf injured, sums partly gone.

[An account for 1598, of receipts, with lists of churchwardens 9.
and of the twenty four. The receipts for cesments, lare-stalls, 9 v.
stalls, etc., with 49 s. 4 d. from the last year, come to 13 l. 15 s. 6 d. "The later cesment" is mentioned in some cases.]

Anno Domini 1598. June the —— Daye.

It is agreed by the gent. and xxiiij that whatsoever they be that take in a tennant into ther howse or tennement, that they answer all duties belonging to the church and the clark his wages, and seggerstone, wherunto the gentlemen have sett unto their hands.—Rich. Belassis—George Bowes—Christofer Lewen.

Disbursed by the Churchwardens as followeth.—In primis 10.
for owre charges when wee were called before the Justices at Durham, xvj d.; to Robt Morye, shirife-bayley, the xth of June,[1] xiij s.; for breade and wyne the xth also of June, iiij s. iiij d.; for bringing home the wyne, ij d.; for owr dinners the xth of June, viij d.; given to the offercas for their fees at my Lorde's visatation, ij s. viij d.; our charges that day and the minister's dinner, iij s. vj d.; for bread and wyne the xvijth of June, ij s. ix d.; more for bread and wyne the xxiiijth of June, iij s. iiij d.; for the articles published the 2th day of July, xij d.; for a new regester booke of parchment, xiiij s. ij d.; to Christopher Hall the xjth day of September for fellinge of wood and ryvinge, xx d.; to James Tunstall the xiijth day for fetchinge of two horse lode tyle from Biddick and coles, viij d.; for fetchinge of ropes and implementes for taking downe of the bell to John Dobsonn, vj d.; payde for the maintenance of soldiers and the gaole, xxvj s.; the same day payd to Richard Robinson for his dinner, iiij d.; payd for a gallon of ale when the bell was taken downe, vj d.; for iij dozen of mettell for bell codds, ix s.; for the churchwardens' charges, viij d.; (10 v.) for the wrightes' charges that came from Newcastall for to have taken downe the bell in drinck, viij d.; to them of Newbottle that led the stones in drink, iiij d.; for tallow and sope to the bells, ix d.; to the bell caster when she was drawne up, he and his company in drinke, xxij d.; owre charges at Durham upon the seane daye, ij s.; to Robert Surret for laying downe the

(1) Probably with respect to recusants. Cf. Pittington Book, A.D. 1595 (p. 38), 'Before the Judges for our recusants.'

bell howse flore, x d.; to the mason for the filleting of the church, ij s. iiij d.; to William Polson for filling of the brode ally with earth, xxj d.; for myne owne charges for attending the masons, iiij d.; for a natt for churchinge of wyves, iij d.;[1] for candles, ij d.; to the gleasure for six foote and a halfe of new glasse, which commeth to iij s. ix d.; in owlde glasse sett in new leede fowre foote at xij d.; for mendinge of holes, xij d.; for coles, iij d.; to the plummer for sowlder, iij s. iiij d.; his wages, ij s. iiij d.; for coles, ii d.; myne owne charges iij dayes, xij d.; for sope and tallow at the Coronation and candell, ix d.; for nayles for lainge downe of the bellhowse flore, ij d.; for owre charges at the Coronation, viij s. x d.; to the armourer for dressing the armour belonging the parishe, vj s. vj d. (11) for bread and wine at Christmas for the Communion, xj s.; for the caringe thereof, vj d.; to the smith for nailles for fastinge of the great and little bells' whelles and for soope to the bells, vij d.; the latter payment upon the tenth of January for the gaille souldiors etc. paide the somme of xxvj s.; for my charges then, viij d.; to Robert Surret for mendinge stalles in the church, xxij d.; to William Powlson and John Short for riddinge the church, iiij s. [?]; to John Short for naylles, vj d.; for mine owne charges in waitinge two daies upon the wright, viij d.; to Christopher Halle for puttinge in of the dorman[2] in the steaple loft, xij d.; to Lancelot Birkhill for takinge up of the bords and making of the place fitt for lainge of the dorman[2] in the steaple loft, xij d.; to Lancelot Birkhill for takinge up of the bords and making of the place fitt for lainge of the dorman, iiij d.; to Robert Ruter's wife for bread and drinke which was bestowed on them holp up with the dorman, xij d.; for mine owne dinner that day, iiij d.

Disbursment about the clocke.

Item to John Hedley for breakinge two holes in the steeple, v s. iiij d.; to Christopher Halle for thre daies workinge, ij s. j d.; to Gowland for nailles and spikings, xiij d.; to widowe Ayray for bords where on the clock standeth, ij s.; to Gowlinge for five crokes and on iron bolt, vij d.; in drinke to the workemen, x d.; mine owne charges, xij d.; for the roopes to the plumes, iiij s.; on Friday 23th of March for Raiph Porter's and my dinner, viij d.

(1) Cf. Pittington Book, p. 43, note (1).
(2) 'Dormant tree, a great beam which lies across a house.'—Bailey.

Item in bread and wine at Easter and the cariage thereof, xxij s. x d.; for the Churchwardens charges upon the same day beinge the 17 day of Aprill, xvj d.; for two daies appearance before my Lord and the Archdeacon, x d.; to the clark's wife in consideration of hir husbandes wrytinge, xvj d.; for washinge of the church cloothes, xvj d.; to the clark's wife in consideration of hir husbandes writing, —; to Gowlinge for mendinge and makinge certinge things about the clock, iiij d.; *Summa*, 4 l. 10 s. 11 d.

Lists of Churchwardens, the four and twenty, and, for the first time, four surveyors of the highways, for 1599. Amount received by new Churchwardens, 3 l. 5 s. ij d. 11 v.

Disbursment by the Churchwardens as followeth for bread and wine and there charges, Anno Dom. 1599. 12.

Inprimis, for our owne charges before Mr Hutton the eight and twenty of June, ij s. vj d.; for bread and wine when Mr Bowes and his housse received the eight of Juli, x d.; for a spade shaft, ij d.; for a matthacke shaft and for layinge of yt, vij d.; for a note drawinge for the harness and appearinge before Mr Deane and the Justices, and for our charges that day beinge the 7 of August, viij d.;[1] for a note drawinge which was made by Mr Deane and the Justices for the allowinge of the foure sidemen, 1599, vj d.; for oylle to the clock, iiij d.; to the armerer for dressinge the armer belonginge to the parish, vj s.; for bindinge of the 2 service bookes belonginge to the church, 4 s.; to William Gowland for wellinge the springe and for makinge nailles to the cocke [clock ?] bordes, iij d.; for makinge two leathers to the bell tounges, ij s. vj d.; to Gowland for makinge two crookes to the clocke, vj d.; for a pound of tallow to the bells, iij d.; given at my lord's visitation to the officers for there fees the 2 of October, xvj d.; for our oune dinners that day and the ministers dinner, xx d.; for two of our dinners the day after when we appeared before the Justises the 3 of October, viij d.; disbursed the xiijth day of October, to the handes of Mr Calverley, lij s.; for a lanterne to the church, ix d.; for a showell iron, iij d.; for our charges at Durham in drincke for our appearance before Mr Deane the ix

(1) This and subsequent appearances before 'Mr. Deane and the Justices,' were in pursuance of the Act of 39 Eliz. about the poor. Cf. Pittington Book, p. 46, note (1). The Dean appears to have been Chairman of Quarter Sessions.

of November, v d.; for our charges at the cronation, iiij s. ix d.; for mendinge of a crooke to the clocke, j d.; for bread and wine at Christenmas for the Communion, xj s. iij d.; for our charges at Durham the v[th] of January and our charges for a not [note] drawing, iiij d.; for feching of the cooble rope from Durham, vj d.; in oylle for the clock, ij d.; (12 v.) to Raiph Porter for his half yeares pay upon Christenmas Even for uphoulding of the clock, iij s. iiij d.; to Martin Nicholson of West Rainton for mending the bell tounges, iij s.; in drink when the bell tounges was in mending, iiij d.; for bread and wyne and the cariage therof at Easter, xij s. vj d.; to Raiph Porter [*as above*] at Easter, iij s. iiij d.; for greese for the bells, v d.; for two notes drawing, on concerning the poore and the other concerning the overseers, x d.; for appearing before the arshdeacon's visitation upon thursday being the xvij[th] of Aprill, xvj d.; and for our charges the same day, viij d.; for mending the little bell toung, xx d.; for making a part of the churchyard wall, x d.; for washing of the churchclothes, xvj d.; guiven out for hir Majestie's cariages of iij d. of the pound from Copwell wood to Bladen, xxix s.; for making up of the booke, xij d.

Bread and wine.

Bread and wine at Easter.

114 v. Anno Domini 1599 December 16 day. It is agreed by the gentellmen and xxiiij of this parish that Raiph Porter shall have for the repairing and uphouldinge of the clock yerely to be paide unto him the saide Raiph Porter vj s. viij d. for whatsoever shall happen to faille or misforten about the clock, viz. shelles or nutes or such like thinges, the foresaid Raiph to mend and make them, and he to have this vj s. viij d. yerely paide by the hands of the churchwardens for that yeare, &c.

24 of November A.D. 1599. *Memorandum.* That we Robert Chilton, William Bartam, Richard Wayster, Robert Chilton of Newbottle the younger, churchwardenes at Houghton in the Springe in the year above written, have assigned and placed M[r] Richard Belassis of Morton in the aforesaid parish and his servants in two stalles in the midle alley on the North side of the church behind M[r] George Bowes stalle of Biddicke neare the upper great piller, for the which we have taken of him 2 s. 8 d. Item the aforesaide M[r] Bellassis at that time haith compounded with such neighbors as did sit in those two stalles and have given them for there good willes ten shillings and sixpence.

The xxi day was Christopher Clarkson chosen by the gentell-

men and foure and twenty to be the Parish Clarke of Houghton in the Springe, with all the dutyes which the other Clark before had. He entred the fift day of Aprill, beinge Palm Sonday An: Dom: 1599. Regine Elizabeth 40. [N.B. Four overseers for the highways are for the first time appointed this year.]

Receiptes of iij d. of the pound.

Item rec. of Raiph Pendreth for our ma^ties^ cariages from Chopwell wood to Bladen, xviij s.; of Mr Bowes for his ma^ties^ cariages ij s. ix d. There is yet remaining xiij s. iij d.

Receiptes of iiij d. of the pound.

Rec. for the cessment of Houghton, vij s. viij d. [Receipts of cessments from townships and persons follow, with some for stalls and larestalls, then on fo. 13, receipts for bread and wine at Easter, viz.]

Rec. of Houghton, vij s.; of Hetton, v s. vj d.; of Eppledon, vj d.; of Est and Midle Herrington, v s.; of Offerton, xxij d.; of Biddicke, vj d.; of Morsley, xiiij d.; of Est Rainton, iij s. viij d.; of West Rainton, iij s. viij d.; of Morehouse, iiij d.; of Cocken, v d.; of Pensher, iij s. v d.; of Bruntmore, vj d.; of the Milles, iiij d.; of West Herrington, iij s. v d.; of Newbottle, vij s. ix d. *Summa.* xlv s.

Churchwardens, twenty-four, and five surveyors of high 13 v.
ways residing at Houghton, Hetton, East Rainton, Newbottle, and Pensher.

A.D. 1600,[1] DISBURSEMENTS. 14

For bread and wine.—The x of May, iiij s. iij d.; the xvij of May, iiij s. iiij d.; the xxv^th^ of May, ij s.; when Mr. Bowes and his house received the communion, x d.; at Christinmas, xi s.; at Easter, bread and wine and cariage thereof, xix s.

Visitations.—At Mr Ardeacon Court the Visitation day the xxv^th^ of September, ij s. viij d.; before Doctor Colmer the xij^th^ of October, xii d.; at the Archdeacon Court the fift of March for the churchyard wall not being repared and our charges the same day, ij s. vj d.; at the Archdeacon Court the seacond of Aprill for there fees and our charges, ij s. viij d.; at Mr Archdeacons visitation the xvi^th^ of April, ij s. viij d.

(1) The extracts transcribed from the disbursements of this and several following years, till A.D. 1608, have been selected and arranged under headings for convenience of reference.

Other Charges.—For mending of the letaring, iv d.; to M[r] Calverley the xxv[th] of August, lij s.; for his dinner that caried the same, vj d.; to M[r] Jarrett Swann the same day, xij d.; for going to Durham about her Ma[ties] busines when we were commanded by M[r] Deane and the Justices, xij d.; given to M[r] Deane his man when we did deliver in our certificate concerninge the recusantes and uncommunicantes for our charges the same time, xij d.; for sallett oylle to the clock, iii d.; for a pound of glew and for a sheepes skinne to the orgaines; for greece to the bells, and for candles for the coronation, xiiij d.; for ringers for the same time, vij s.; for colles for the coronation, iiij d.; for greece to the bells at Easter, iiij d.

The sylver Challans with the Covern weeth 14[th] oz. lacke a q[ter] of an oz. Gouldsmith weight.

[*Receipts, as before, of* 4 *d. in the pound for cessment, also for bread and wine, and for lairstalls. None for stalls this year.*]

15 v. A.D. 1601.

(*After the names of the* 4 *Churchwardens and of the four and twenty*) Syed men appointed for this yeare, William Aiten, Persivell Barchis, John Humble, and Thomas Appelbe.

It is agreed by the gentlemen and xxiiij for the reparyng of this church [and gayell][1] to levie vj d. of the pound, to be gathered by the constapells of every town and hamlet and to give it to the hands of the Churchwardens to the use of the church and to bring it in twex this and mydsomer. M[r] Dockter Belleasis hath renewed his uncle's stalle, and hath geven to the church use ij s. iij d. the first of June 1601.

114 v. *The first of June A.D.* 1601.—It is agreed the day and yeare above writen by the gentlemen and the xxiiij of this parish that whereas ther is dew to this parish by the geve [*gift* ?] of M[r] Gilpin laet parson ther and others lx li., we the said gentlemen and xxiiij have attorned M[r] Dockter Belleasis, M[r] Georg Bowes, M[r] Christofer Lewen, Raphe Penderth, William Ayton, and Persevall Baras [?] to sewe for the said mony. What they dowe or any of them do in the forderne of that sute we do ratify and conforme, provided always that the parish shall beare the charges thereof.

16. DISBURSEMENTS.—(*For bread and wine*).—The xxx[th] of May,

(1) Added in margin *secunda manu*: for the gaol, see again in subsequent years.

vij s. viij d.; the xth of July, xx d.; at Christenmas, xij s. vij d.; the xiiijth of March, xij d.; att Ester and the cariage, xix s. vij d.

Visitations, &c.—Att my Lord of Doram Visitation and our 16 v.
charges, iiij s. vj d.; for our charges at the seene the xiijth of Aprill, ij s.; for our charges at the Arsdakyn's court, ij s.; item ther fees, xvj d.

Other Charges.—To the harness dresser the xxxth of July, ☞
vj s. vj d.; for a whele to the clock, ij d.; for a croke to the clock, iiij d.; to Mr. Lightfoute for the galvell [gaol] and soulgers, lij s.; to the glaser for the glas winderes and for iron bares to the winderes, viij s. viij d.; for tallow and candelles sallat oil and colls, xiij d.; to the ringers and our charges, viij s. vij d.; for artyckles from the Justesses the xxiiijth of Aprill, vj d.; item the same day for our charges, vj d.; for mendyng the clark's stall and sittyng formes to the scollers[1] and for nales, xiiij d.; to on Danyell Coutes for comying to se the organe, xij d.; for ther drinke and for otes to ther horses, viij d.; for artyckles from the Justices the xxiiijth of Aprill, vj d.; item the same day for our charges, vj d.; for badges to the poure folkes, ij s. iiij d.; to the glassiner mendynge the glase wynders and our charges, and bares, x s. iiij d.; for washing the surplices, xvj d.

The just some of our outlayes is viij l. xix s. vij d.

RECEIPTS, 1601. *For stalls* (including 'For a stall to Mr. 17.
Bryan Belleases and another to his sarvents, ij s. vj d."); *for lairstalls; for 'bread and wyne'*; and *for cessment at* 6 *d. in the pound*, 2 l. 8 s. 4 d.

MEM. That on the Assention day, beinge the xiijth of May, 17 v.
1602, at Houghton in lez Springe it was there ordered and agreed by the whole consent of those whose names are here under written that Raphe Pendreth the yonger of Morsley, Robert Robinson of East Rainton, William Aiton of West Herington, and Raphe Rutter of Houghton shall be churchwardens of that parishe for this whole yeare next followinge; And also it is ordered that from hencefourthe the two seniors of the said fower churchwardens shall yerely serve for two yeres together as the said Raphe Pendreth and Robert Robinson haith, and that the two seniors shall yerely appoint and nominate the two junior churchwardens from henceforth with

(1) Probably of the Kepier School.

the approbacion and likinge of the gentlemen fower and twentie and M[r] Parson of that parishe, and not otherwise.

Bryan Belassis. (*Seven other signatures and six marks.*)

18 v. A.D. 1602.—[N.B.—*Again four sidemen, appointed, in addition to the four churchwardens.*]

A cessement made after the rate of iiij d. a pound for the payment of the gaole and mamed soldiers and for the reparinge of the communion cupp, to be levied presently and gathered by the constaples of everye towne and hamlyt within this parich, and delyvered to the hands of the churchwardens to that use.

19. RECEIPTS.—(*For this cessement, and for bread and wine: after which*) Sic computatis computandis et allocatis allocandis restat to be delivered to the newe churchwardens in present monie, xv s. v d.; and that is to be gathered by these accomptants, xij s. viij d.; —— xxviij s. jd. This accompt taken on the Assention day 1603, Anno Domini, ——. Jacobi Regis Angliae, &c., primo.

20. DISBURSEMENTS, 1602.—(*For bread and wine*): The xxij of May and the charysh [*carriage*] thereof, xij s. viij d. Att Christenmys and the carysh, xij s. vj d.; at Easter and the craysh thereof, xix s. iij d.

Visitations, &c.—For our charges at the Arsdeaken Courte, xiij d.; at the Arsdakyne visitation, ij s. viij d.; at the Arsdakyn's visitacion and our charges, iij s. iiij d.

Other charges.—For the meddell bell mending and our charges, iiij s. viij d.; to Jhon Snawdon for makyn up a wendow and hylping up with bels, vj d.; for sallat oil to the clok, iij d.; for mamyed souldiers and maryeres [mariners] to M[r] Doctor Coulmar, lij s.; to M[r] Beleses for to mend the Communyon coope, xx s.; for hymp to mend the bell stryngs, iij d.; more to Mr. Belleses for the Commynion coope, ij s.; for rasyng up the organes and for stones, iiij s.; when we maid up our rykynge [reckoning?] with the organ, xij d.; to the organes maker, vj li.; for the wishing the church cloithes, xvj d. *Summa disbursata*, xiiij li. xiij s. xj d.

20 v. A.D. 1603.—Memorandum, that it is agreed by the consent of the xxiiij and the churchwardens that the saggerston William Powlson shall have in augmentation of his fees 1d. of everie plough in our parishe evermore.

Mr. Bryan Belleasis hath renewed his brother stall and another that his said brother bealed [builded] and hath paid to the church use ij s. vj d. the xv[th] of November, 1603. 108 v.

On the Northe side of the Queare doore the first stall: M[r] John Wiclife, Reasaver [receiver] of M[r] William Wiclife of Upperton for thre roumes xviij d. the third of July A.D. 1603. 98 v.

'DISPURSEMENTES,' 1603.—(*For bread and wine*): The xi[th] of June and the cariage thearof, ix s. iij d.; the xxx of Julie, xv d.; the vij day of August, x s. iiij d.; the xxii[nd] day of December, vij s. vj d. At Easter and charges, xix s. 21.

Visitations, &c.—At the Arsdeken's visitation and our charges, 11 s. 8 d.; for a corum nomine [*Quorum nomina*], ij s. x. d.; Geaven for an excommunication, xviij d.; at the Arsdeaken's visitation, ij s. 8 d.; at the Lorde's visitation, iiij s. x d.

Other charges.—For lainge of a geaste [joist] and makinge of the pullee and for the woude, xx d. For a bell baderooppe for the bel tunge, ij s. viij d. To the ringers upon the crunation day, viij s. iiij d. For manyed soylders and mariners the fifte of October to inter Chatour, xxxij s. To mamed manyed [*sic*] soylders and marriners the tenth of December, xiiij s. vj d. For rinninge upon the fifte day of Auguste, iiij s. vj d. For mendinge of a locke, and a key makinge to the locke, iij d. To the clerke to buy candles to goe to the clock, ij d. Our 22 v.
charges when the xxvj s. viij d. brought from Newcastle, iiij d. For mamed souldgers and mariners and the jale, v s. vj d. To ringers the xxiiij[th] of March, v s. 21 v.

RECEIPTS.—(*As usual, and including*) For badges which the ould churchwardens dispurst, ij s. Of M[r] William Wycliffe of Upperton for a stall, xviij d. Of John Grainger for a stalle of the forme, ij d. Of wedow Suret and wedow Wilson for a citation, xiiij d.

A.D. 1604, May 17.—Mem. that the day and yeare above said it is agreed by M[r] Christofer Lewen, M[r] William Carr, the said churchwardens, fower and twentie, and the rest of the said parish then assembled that everie communicant and everie other person that ought to communicate shall heareafter pay one halfpennie yearly for the reparinge of bread and wine. 23.

Mem.—That the x[th] of June, 1604, it was agreed and sett downe by the newe churchwardens and xxiiij of that parish that were then present that, whereas M[r] Docter Hutton the 23 v.

parson there is contented in his devotion to beare the charge of the floringe of the church,[1] that a cesse of iij d. the pound shalbe levied for the winninge of flaggs for that purpose and for the bryngynge of bords for loftinge of the lower lofte of the belhowse so sone as may be.

Receipt of cesment of iij d. in the pound, &c., &c.

Receipt for a cesment of ij d. in the pound, &c., &c.

Received in toto, 7 l. 19 s. 9 d.

96. 26[th] *of Aprill*, A.D. 1604.—It is agreed the daie and yeare abovewritten by M[r] Doctor Hutton, the gentlemen, and the fower and twentie of this parish, that all controversies present, and which shall hereafter arise and growe, betwixte anie of the parishioners of this parish shalbe referred to the arbitrement and judgement and endinge of foure of the gentlemen, or of foure of the foure and twentie aforesaide, to be equallie chosen by the parties at variance, and of the Parson of Houghton aforesaid for the time beinge, who is to be umpier in everie arbitrement. And if the matter be weightie and doubtful, that the opinion of two Counsel (at the chardges of the parties in controversie) shalbe taken, and that the parties in controversie shall submit themselves to the order and arbitrement of the umpier and the arbitratours aforesaide. And if it fall out that the parson and anie of the parish to be at variaunce, that then the parson shall not be umpier, but another shalbe chosen by the most part of gentlemen and foure and twentie.

(*Signed*) Robt. Hutton. (*Twenty other signatures, and four marks.*)

(1) So far, it seems, the church had not been flagged at all, the bare earth having probably been covered only with straw or rushes. Cf. *supra* A.D. 1598, 'For filling up the brod alley with earth.' Also Pittington Book A.D. 1605, 'For two thrave of straw for the stalls.' The church of St. Oswald also appears to have been flagged about this time. The work at Houghton will be found fully carried out in the year succeeding this. This year also, as appears from the entries, the church was plastered and two lofts, or galleries, erected. Further, there were provided a new 'Communion table,' pulpit, and 'minister's stall.' These might be in consequence of the Canons of 1604, of which 82 requires 'a decent Communion table' in every church, and 'a convenient seat for the minister to read service in'; and 83 orders 'a comely and decent pulpit, to be set in a convenient place within the same, by the discretion of the Ordinary of the place, if any question do arise, and to be there seemly kept for the preaching of God's Word.' The Ordinary appears to have intervened here, with respect at least to the 'seemly keeping' of the pulpit, for we find in the following year, 'To Mr. Hutton for the fees of the Court concerning the pulpett cloth.'

August, 1604.—It is agreed by the gentlemen and 24 of
this parish that whosoever he be of the 24 that is absent
(lawfull warning being given) they shall pay after the ould
custome xij d. to the poore man's box unless a lawfull excuse
be to the contrary, and that to be allowed of by the residew of
the 24.

Disbursements.—(*Communions*) For bread and wine at 24.
Whitsuntide, iij s. x d.; for wine against Christmas, iij s.;
more for wine at Christmas, iij s.; for bread, iij d.; for wine
at Easter and the charge for bringing home, xxij s.; bread for
the communion at Easter, iij d.

Other charges.—Expended when I went to Newcastle concerning flaggs and the communion booke, vj d.; for grease to
the bells on S. James day,[1] vj d.; when I caryed in the collection for Geneva, iiij d.; for fortie firre dales, xxiij s. iiij d.;
for Henry Clarkson his dinner and mine, xij d.; for cariage of
the said boards from Burton's to John Johnson's of Warmouth,
ix d.; to Robert Chilton of Newbottle for bringing them home,
ij s.; when we and the sidemen were called before the Justices
in Durham, for our dinners there, iiij s.; to the Curate the
same day for his dinner, iiij d.; for the Articles whereunto we
were sworne, vj d.; to our curate for carying in our presentment and informacion to the said Articles, vj d.; for a Communion booke, v s. vj d.; to Rauphe Porter for his half years
allowance due at Cuthbert's day the 4th of September, 1604,[2]
iij s. 4 d.; for a new bawdrick to the midle bell, ij s.; to
Robert Surrat for laying the two lofts, and seates in the Vestry,
vij s. vj d.; to the ringers upon the Kinge day[3] March 24th,
v s.; for greece to the bells and candles for the same day, iij d.;
to William Tires for caring of earth from the midle allye, vj d.;
for making the Church wall, x d.

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Receipts.—(*Cessment of* 3 *d. of the pound, &c., &c. Sum
total*, xj l. xix s. vij d.)

A note of the booke of raits for the parrish of Houghton.— 26.
Houghton, 2 l. 9 s. 4 d. East Renton, 2 l. 6 s. 0 d. West
Renton, 2 l. 15 s. 0 d. Pensher, 2 l. 16 s. 2 d. Offerton,

(1) The Coronation Day of James I. See p. 139, note (1).

(2) See p. 36, note (3).

(3) The day of the Accession of James I.

2 l. 5 s. 0 d. Hetton, 3 l. 10 s. 0 d. Moorsley, 1 l. 8 s. 0 d. East and Middle Herrington, 2 l. 0 s. 0 d.

August, 1605.—It is agreed betwixt the Gentlemen and 24 that there shall be no meetinge as concerning any business about upon the Sabbath day.

26 v. DISBURSEMENTS.—(*Communions*[1]) For bread and wine the 18th of May, iij s.; more for bread and wine the 25th of May, iij s.; for bread and wine the 2th of June, iij s.; for bread and wine the ixth of June, xiij d.; for bread and wine at the last receiving, ij s. viij d.; for bread and wine against Christmas Communion for the first communion being the first of November, iiij s. iiij d.; for the second Com. being the seventh of November, viij s. iiij d.; for the third Com. being the fifteenth of November, xvj d.; for bread and wine at Easter, xxiij s.

Visitations and other charges.—Imprimis upon the syno scene day[2] the ixth of Aprill for our charge at Duresme, v s. vj d. Item the same day Thomas King his fee, xij d.; to John Richardsonn att our oath taking, iiij d.; my dinner at the Quarter Sessions, vj d.; att the Archdeacon's visitation at Chester, iiij s. x d.; for a new lock to the doore where the wine stands, 6 d.; Rauphe Prendreth his dinner and mine at the Quarter Sessions, xij d.; for 6 pound of rendid tallow for the bells, iiij d.

For charges when I went to Newcastle about the flaggs, and another voyage to Bakester-wood and a third in goeing to Durham for to speake with the workmen, xviij d. To Henry Clarkson for mending the steeple doore that goeth up to the leades, vj d.; nayles for that use, ij d.; for our charges at

(1) The unusual number of communions this year on successive Sundays in May, June, and November, would be due to the strict enforcement at this time of the laws against recusancy, all parishioners being required to communicate, and to have the opportunity of doing so. The year 1605 was that of the Gunpowder Plot. We observe further signs of strict enforcement of the penal law in the frequent appearances this year of the churchwardens before the Courts, spiritual and temporal. In addition to the usual visitations of the Archdeacon in April and October, they are further twice before him, once at Chester-le-Street and once at Durham, 'concerning the recusants,' once at the Quarter Sessions, and twice before the Court of High Commission. Cf. the Pittington Book for the same year, p. 55.

(2) This combination of the terms *synod* and *scene* (or, as the latter word is more usually written, *seane*, and sometimes in the Pittington Book, *seeing*) for *visitation* is peculiar. The scribe of the year may have affected learned correctness. He departs also from usage in writing *Duresme* instead of *Durham*.

Durham before Mr Morton [*the Archdeacon*], concerning the recusants, iij s. vij d.; att the Archdeacon's visitation in fees and our expenses, iiij s. ij d.; for the church portch, xx s.; 27.
when we were called before the High Commission, xx d.; when we were [*before*] the High Commission the second time, for our charges, j s.; in drink to the pavere, viij d.; to those that brought the pullpet and the minister's stall, for theare dinners, xij d.; for a citation, xiiij d.; to Mr Hutton for the tall[1] of the Court concerning the pulpett cloth, xvij d.; to John Hedley the mason for making the stepps to the pulpett and his workmanship during the time of making of the pulpett, xi s.

Disbursed for flagging of the church and other worke 28.
thereto belonging.

Imprimis to Charles Castell and his fellowes for fourteen score yards of flagging att viij d. the yard, ix l. xiij s. iiij d.; for sleeking of the lyme and caryeing it into the church, v s. vj d.; to John Backhouse for fetching hayre from Durham, j s.; to William Powlson and his maide for bearing sand, iiij d.; to Isabell Simpson for bearing sand, iiij d.; for leading three foothers of sand, vj d.; to a labourer for caryeing away of earth, vj d.; to John Backhouse for carying the residew of sand for pavinge, iiij s.; to William Dobson for filling up the lowe place before the church doore, xij d.

Disbursed to the xiij^th of September 1606 to the plasterer and his labourer. Imprimis to them both, vj s.; for bearing of water, x d.; for vj stones of washt haire, vj s.; for bringing it home at two severall times, viij d.; for my charge one day at Chester and another at Durham, viij d.; disbursed in wages to the plaisterer and his labourer the xx^or of September, ix s.; disbursed in wages to them the xxvij^th of Sept., ix s.; the xxij^th of the said month for haire, iij s.; for bringing it home being iij stones, iiij d.; in wages to the plasterer and his labourer the iiij^th of October, vij s.; for unwasht haire sixteen stones the vj^th of October, v s. iiij d.; for bringing it home, iiij d.; for mine owne charges being with him, iiij d.; to the plaisterer and his labourer the eighteenth of October, ix s.; for bearing of water, iiij d.; for caryeing of lyme from the personage, viij d.; to the pl^r and his lab^r the five and twentith of October, vij s. vj d.; for haire bought at Newcastle upon Tuesday the xxj^th of October, nyne stone, iij s.; for foure stone of chalk,

(1) So in MS., but qu. meaning ?

xij d.; bringing it home, vj d.; for mine owne charges, iiij d.; for bearing of more lyme on Thursday last, iiij d.; for a kenning of glovers speckes,[1] vj d. Summa, 14 l. 7 s. 6 d.

27 v. Receipts for flagging of the church and other necessaries, given by the gentlemen of this parish.

Mr Henry Linley, vj l. xiij s. iiij d. Mr Bellassis, iij l. xvj s. viij d. Mr John King, xiij s. iiij d. Mr Wickliffe, x s. Mr Wharton, xx s.—xi l. xiij s. iiij d.

115 v. Anno Domini 1606.—This day it was agreed by the xxiiij of this parish that the clarke shall have for his Christmas dueties his bread standing in as ample manner as hath beene hearetofore, or if he do not like the breade of any, to receive of such ij d. in monye.

115 v. It is agreed by the gent. and xxiiij that a sesment of a grote of the pound shalbe collect and gathered by the Cunstables of everie towne and hamlet next adjoyninge unto them for the reparing of the church, and to be brought in before Lammas next to the hands of the churchwardens upon there perrells [perils] the day and yere above written.

30. A.D. 1606.—Receipts.—Of cesments of 2 d. and of 6 d. in the pound for larestalls, and (30 v.) for bread and wine at Easter, 11 l. 14 s. 9 d.

[N. B.—*Four 'collectors for the poore' appointed, and four 'Surveyors of the highe wages* (29 v.)].

29 v. Disbursements.—(*Communions*). For bread and wine at Whitsuntide, viij s. viij d.; for three gallons of wine for Communion at Christmas, vj s.; for bringing it from Newcastle, v d.; mine owne dinner, iiij d.; for more wine five quarts and a pint, ij s. ix d.; to Charles Hedley for bringing it home, iij d.; for Communion bread at Christmas, iiij d.; eleavens gallons, a potle, and a pinte of wine, xxxiij s.; Communion bread, vj d.; to Wm. Tyreman for bringing home the wine, vj d.

Visitations and other charges.—Att the Archdeacon's visitation 29th of Aprill 1606, vj s.; for our charge at the Archdeacon's visitation, iij s. vj d.; for a glasse of sallett oyle for the clock, viij d.; for my dinner when the collectors were allowed by the Justices, vj d.; to Nicholas Tunstall and Raphe Todd for two foothers of flaggs, xvj d.; for a new spade, iij d.; for the yron to the said spade, viij d.; for a shovell to the

(1) Half a bushel of glovers' clippings, used to make size for the whitewash.

church, v d.; to William Dobson for caryeing the rubbage out of the south porche, xij d.; for caryeing the stones in the churchyard, and mending the ingate into the church, xij d.; for filletting the church to the plaisterer and a labourer, j s. vj d.; to the ringers the v[th] of November, ij s. vj d.; a new roape that was used for a bawdrick, j d.; to the plaisterer more than the Benevolence extended unto, xj s.; to Symon Meeres for mending the leades, iiij s.; for sowder, iiij s. viij d.; to a boy for making the fire and caryeing the yrons, x d.; for a sack of coales, iiij d.; for fortie and two foot of new glasse, xxj s.; for fitting of old glasse in new leade, xx d.; for mending the holes in the windowes, viij s.; for a pound of swine's seame to 81.
the belles, iiij d.; to the foxcatcher for two fox heades, ij s.; for our charge att the Quarter Sessions, iij s. vj d.; for drawing of a Petition, vj d.; to Christofer Hall for hanging the bells, ij s.; for sallet oyle to the clock, iij d.; for nailes wherewith the crest about the organes was nailed, j d.; to Richard Welche for his excommunication, xiij d.; for a foxe's head to William Ranson's man, xij d.; to the ringers upon the kinge day, vj s.

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It is set down by the gent. and xxiiij[tie] of this parishe that the churche yard wall shall be builded with lime and stone by suche as have formerly repayred the said wall, and if there be any of the wall that lyethe in common, that to be walled or rayled by the whole parishe and this to be don within two years next cominge.

[N.B. Four 'Collectors or Overseers of the poore,' and four 82.
'surveyors for the highe wayes,' appointed.]

RECEIPTS.—Of a cessment of 6 d. in the pound; also of 2 d. 82 v.
in the pound; for bread and wine at Easter; and for a few stalls and lairstalls.[1]

DISBURSEMENTS.—(*Communions.*) Item for bread and wyne, 83.
vi s. ij d.; for fower gallans a whart and a poynt, xj s. viij d.; for caryage of the wyne, viij d.; for hullie breed,[2] ij d.; payed fyr nyne gallanes and a quart of wyne, xxiij s. j d.; caryinge the wyne, vj d.; payed for my dinner and towle, v d.; payed for more wyne fyve whartes, iij s. j d.; and for caryage of it home, iij d.; payed for communion breed, vj d.

(1) Among the receipts for 'bread and wine' this year we find the first mention of coal pits, viz., 'Rec[d]. of the Colle pyttes v[d]. Rec[d]. of Ufferton Cole pyttes ij[d].'

(2) On this term see Pittington Book, p. 100, note (1).

33. *Visitations*, &c.—Inprimis at the Archdeacon's visitacion the xiijth of Aprill for our charges, vj s. j d.; for our charges at my lord's visitacion the xith of August at Durham, vj s. vj d.; for our charges the xxixth of August, xx d.; for charges the sixth of October at the seene, vj d.; at the quarter Session the seventh, xiiij d.; our charges at quarter Cession after twelfth day, viij d.; our charges at Quarter Meeting the 27 of Februarii, viij d.

Other Charges.—For the common church yard wall reparing,[1] vj d.; geven to Christofer Claxton, viij s. for his stall; for ringeres of the belles of St. James day, xij d.; for ringing of the belles the fifte of August,[2] ij s. vj d.; for tow shep skinnes and a pound of glewe, xviij d.; for mendinge the middle bell tounge, ij s.; to the segston for carying of yt, ii d.; for whyt leather to the bellese of the orgynnes, vj d.; for the byble bynding, ix s.; for a lantern, xij d.; payed for the family stall for the backe of the piller, xxi d.; for layinge the church hacke, xviij d.; payed to the coupper Robart Hutcheson for tow girds (hoops) iij d.; payed to the ringeres the fower and twenty of March, vj s. iiij d.; payed for naylles and bands to the orgynnes, iiij d.

111 v. *Anno Domini* 1607. Junij 24. It is agreed and sett down by the gentlemen and xxiiij of this parishe that all the pewes above the church doores which are not newely mayd shalbe presently mayd newe, and whoso shall refuse to be at the charge thereof shall loos his or her place, and he or she to have it that will be at the charge thereof so that the gentlemen and xxiiij allow of these persones. And if any will refuse to be at the charge and dothe presume to com to the place out of which they are displaced by the gentlemen and xxiiij, then they to be punished according to lawe, and to pay for every suche offence ij s. vj d., and the whole parishe to joine in suite against them. *Signed*, Hen. Lyndley, 19 other signatures, and one mark.

(1) That is, the part of the fence kept in repair by the churchwardens from the funds at their disposal. It appears from subsequent entries (1653, 1658, &c.) that the several townships in the parish were by custom responsible for different parts of the wall, but that the fence on the north side (which appears to have been then only a 'dike' or hedge) was kept up by the parish in common.

(2) Called in the St. Oswald's Book 'Gowrie's day,' being that of the king's escape from the 'Gowry conspiracy.' See p. 137, note (3).

A.D. 1608.[1] MEM. That this xxiiijth day of June 1608 Roger Rackett of Durisme Churche, singingman, being hearetofore elected Clerke of this parishe churche of Houghton by the consent, nominacion and —— of Sir Henrie Lynley, Knight, Doctor —— Parson, and the rest of the parishioners, haith —— and absolutely resigned and given uppe the office or place of his said clerkeshipp, and doth earnestly pray that said place may be bestowed upon John Barnefather of Du(rham), which resignacion the said parson and parishioners did accept; and doe frely nominate elect and place the said John Barnfather clerke of the said parishe. 35 v. 111.

It is ordered this 13th day of December that whereas formerly ordered by the consent of the gentlemen and the xxiiij that the church wall should be builded before the vijth of Aprill next, yet was their noe fine set downe for the performans thereof, whereby we find that the order is not performed. Therfor this day it is agreed that if the said churchwalle be not builded before the last of Aprill next, that everye (*the rest illegible.*)

[No receipts or disbursements of special interest.]

A.D. 1609. DISBURSEMENTS.—For mending of the church dicke (dike or fence) iiij d.; to Edward Hodgson for glazing of the church windowes, xxix s.; for girding of barels, ij d.; to John Palless(er ?), marchant, for Roug moneye, xxvj s. 39.

A.D. 1610. DISBURSEMENTS.—The xi day of Aprill at Quarter Sessions about the Roge moneye: Item our counseller's fees and our charges, vij s.; for mending the church dike and removing stons, xiiij d.; our charges the 25 of September before me Lord, xij d. For bringing the stalles from Durham, iij s. iiij d. Paide to Henry Humble for flaging ——; to William Dobson for filling of the pewes ——; for messering of the pewes, xviij d.; paid to Nickolas Galliley, iiij li. xij s. vj d.; more to Nickolas Gallaley for setting the setes and knoppes to the pewes, iiij s. viiij d.; for puting a ropp to the fount, ix d.; to Joh Rutter for a foxe head, xij d.; for fir dailes for the new stales, ij s. iiij d.; more to Galiley about the stalls, vj s.; recaieved for the new pewes, 3 li. iiij d. 41. 42.

A.D. 1611. MEM. That at this metinge, viz. the xxvth daie 44.

(1) In this and following years the disbursement for communions, visitations, and other usual entries have not been transcribed, except such as appeared of any peculiar interest.

of March Anno Domini 1611 it is agreed and concluded by the gentlemen and the most of the fower and twenty of the said parish that the clerk shall from henceforth have of everie plough within the said parish in lewe and full satisfaction of his bowne at Christimas ij d. in money yearly, and for his egges at Easter a penny.

4 v. A.D. 1612. Stals renned (*rented?*) this yeare. Imprimis Wedow Appelbye of Est Rainton for 3 stals, that is to saye on stall for the house that she dwelt in, and on stall rome in with Anthony Jarret, and another for a woman in the fourt stall on the Southe syde, xij d. Item William Ranson to his house in Houghton for ij roms in the stall next the church doore on the Southe side. ij s.; item John Ruter on roume in the same stall next to the doore, xij d.; item Robert Guy the younger on rowne in the same stall, xij d.

Apriell 22. For mending of the churchyard dicke, viij s.; 27, to John Barnes for a not of our appearanc, vj d.; May 23, to Lanclet Burchet for laying down Roland Brough of Newbottle his laire stawll, iiij s.; Jun. 19, for our dinners at Pittington, xviij d.; 20, for a band and neals, ij d.; 28, for a seck of cols, iij d.

48. DISBURSEMENTS.—July 20. Paid to Mr Coots for your organs, vj li. Octob. 25. A booke of Juel's works bought at Durham, xx s.; for a loft for the clark to stand to play in the organs, vj d.; for ij lether latchets to the organs, iiij d.

49 v. A.D. 1613. Received of George Collingwood Esquire for the nethermost pewe on the Northe syde of the middle ally, vj s.

110 v. Mai the 19th 1613. It is agreed by the gentellmen and fower and twentie that John Tayller shall have for the workmanshipp of the belfreie, timber, and the windowes, and likewise the back of the orgaines 3 li., and stockinge of the bell with the dore of the steple, and takean up of the under lofte and layinge downe againe, for the which workmanshipp he is to have 3 li., or thirtie shillings when he enters, and fortie shillings when he haith ended his worke.

John X Tayler, his marke.

58. A.D. 1614. Mem. that this xxix^th of June 1614 John Kinge of West Rainton and John Gargill of Hetton in the Hole within the parishe of Houghton in the Springe and Countie of Durham have on this day delivered to the hands of the Collectors for the poore of the same parishe these bonds

followinge, which were taken in their names for the use of the poore of the said parishe : viz. one bond which is the Dede of Christofer Wharton Gent: for the payment of xxvj li. xiij s. iiij d.; another bond which is the Dede of William Wiclif Gent: for the payment of xiij li. vj s. viij d.; another bond which is the Dede of Raphe Pendreth for the payment of viij li. vj s. viij d. ; another bond which is the Dede of John Casson and Mathew Smith for the payment of xl s. And also xxxiij s. iiij d. delivered to them in monie for to put to use ; all which severall summes doe amount to lx li. This done with the consent and privitie of these names followinge :—

William Cuke vj li. xiij s. iiij d.	Will. Belasys.
Thomas Parsmor iij li.	Geo. Collingwood.
John Ireland iij li.	Raphe Pendreth, &c.
	(9 *other names.*)

1614. 54.

Disbursements.—Paid to Arnate in earnest monye, xij d.; bestowed upon him more, xviij d.; to Arnatt for the clocke, liij s. iiij d.; for mendinge the spindell of the greate plum, ij s.

1615. 56.

Disbursements. — Imprimis given to the bellfounder, ij s.; Aprill 26, our charges in taiking down the bell, x d.; for the thre bell tongs and the bald ropes and irons, xxvij s. viij d.; Mai ii., our charges and the porter's for weying the bell in the town chamber home and feild and the tould (toll) over the brigg and dringk to the workman, xiiij s. viij d.; and for the carige, xx s.; 12, our charges at the hanging up of the bell, and dringe to them which was there, iiij s. vj d.; 13, to the smith for maiking tow cotteralls and welling a band and straitning them and pointing nails, iiij d.; to the workman for nails for the stocke and the wheall, vj d.; in drink the saime time, iiij d.; 14, to Mr Robt Oldefield, bell founder, for casting of the litle bell, xiiij li.; to Mr Airay for making of a band for upholding of the bell, vj d.; for a benke in the orkan house for saxton, viij d.; for a lether latchet to the bellase, iij d.

1616.

Disbursements.—For makeing Church garth dicke,[1] viij d.; 57 v.
given to a poure man which had a testimoniall, ij s.; to a

(1) This continues year after year.

poure man which had a passe on Christmas Day, xii d.; to the smith for making a cotterell and a winch to the bel, iij d.; given for tow littell runlets, xvj d.; for three gires to the old runlet and tole, iij d.

A.D. 1617.

59. The names of such bookes as belonge to the church in our costodye the xxv[th] day of October 1617.

The Byble, ij Common Prayer bookes, Jewell and Harden, The first tombe of the Paraphrasies of Erasmus, A booke of Omilies, A table for marriege, The booke of Cannons.

60. DISBURSEMENTS.—To the smyth for iron and stell and laynge of the hack and a new shaft, 7 d.; for a booke for the clarke for writinge of the names that was put in to have the booke called God[1] and the Kinge, 6 s. To William Smarte for 44 li. and 3 quarters of pudder after the rayt of 10 d. per pound cometh to 37 s.; to William Smart and his man for 4 dayes workinge, 13 s. 4 d.; Nov. 5, to 5 ringers for ringing, 2 s. 6 d.; for 3 yards and a half of lyn clothe to be a table cloth and for heminge of the ends of it, 6 s. 2 d.; to the glassener for 180 quarres in the church, 15 s.; for 36 half quarres in the church, 1 s. 6 d.; for 20 quarres in the vestrye, 1 s. 8 d.; for 20 foot of new glase in the vestry after the rayt of 7 d. per foot, 11 s. 8 d.; for old glase set in new lead 2 foot and a half, 10 d.; for mending of the armes, 1 s.; for byndinge of the Paraphrasies of Erasmus, 4 s. 2 d.; for greese and swyn same for the bells, 6 d.; for makinge of a wallet to put the challenc[2] and a bottle in, 1 d.

(1) '*God and the King*: or, a Dialogue shewing that our Soveraigne Lord King James, being immediate under God within his Dominions, doth rightfully claime whatsoever is required by the Oath of Allegiance.' (London: 1619. 8vo.) 'It was frequently printed both in Latin and English by Royal Proclamation for the Instruction of his Majesty's subjects. Dedicated to the Immortal Memory of K. Edward VI. and the Stability of the English Church. See Fuller's *Church History*, by Brewer, vol. v. p. 446, Heylin, Life of, London, p. 76.' This is from Lowndes, 1580, under head of Mockett, Richard, D.D., to whom the work is by some attributed; but its authorship is not certainly known.

(2) That is for communions of the sick in private houses, as appears from a subsequent entry A.D. 1632.

A.D. 1618. 21th DAY OF MARCH.

Item it is agreed by the gentlemen and the twenty foure 61.
that the sesment of xij d. of the pound shalbe leved through the parishe for the byeinge of comon musk[1] and the use of the church betwixt and the fourth day of Aprell next 1619, and payed over to the churchwardens.

DISBURSEMENTS.—For a new belstringe weinge 9 li., after the rayt of 5 d. a li., 3 s. 8 d.; to John Kinge High Constable for soulders, mariners, and the gaole of Durham, 26 s.; for a new communion booke of the largest vollom with a table of degrees of marage, 9 s.; for the booke of Constitutions and Cannons, 1 s. 8 d.; for two flagon pootes, 16 s.; for makinge of our munthly presentment and charges, 4 d.; for 2 tagges[2] for the belstrings, 6 d.; for a lb. of swyn same for the bells, 4 d.; for 2 tapps, 1 s.

A.D. 1619. OCTOBER THE 5TH.

Paied for foure muskates (*muskets*), 4 l. 14 s. 0 d. The 64.
bringing them home, syx penc; (64 v.) to Edward Meles for a polley in iaron for the font coveringe, 2 s. 6 d.; to the glassener for 108 quarres, 9 s.; to Edward Meles a coke[3] to the dyell, 2 s. 6 d.; to Martyn Nycolson a start,[4] a band and nales to the dyel, 2 s. 3 d.; to Charles Hedley for bringing Mr Frankland many (money) home, 4 d.; for breaid, and busumes to the church, 8 d.; to Isbell Nycolson for tow newe wrst (*wrist?*) bandes to the surcless (*surplice*), 8 d.; to Edward Meles for a new kye (*key*) to the church dore and a place set one (*on*) organs to laye the clarke's boke one, 1 s. 8 d.; to Mr John Kyng more for the gaole maryneres souderes and the house of coryckshon, 39 s.

A.D. 1620.

DISBURSEMENTS.—Imprimis for the muskates, 4 l. 2 s. 0 d.; 66 v.
(*many entries for lead, coals and trees, and riving of trees for*

(1) Probably *muskets*. There was a special cessment for muskets in the parish of Pittington in 1620. See p. 77, and note (1). Cf. also below in this book frequent entries henceforth relating to muskets.

(2) Probably the same as 'imps.'

(3) 'A COCK. The pin of a dial or gun; the needle of a balance; also the wrought piece which covers the balance in a clock or watch.'—BAILEY.

(4) 'A START. A long handle of anything, a tail. N. C. (i.e. north country).'—BAILEY.

'*smelting*' *the same, nails, boards, &c., showing that much plumber's work was done*); for a graye's heide that came from Hetton, 8 d.; to the sexton for beinge redie at a calle, 4 d.

A.D. 1621.

68 v. For two tags to the belstrings, 6 d.; for casting of some flages being setled lawe and laing, 2 d.; for fetching Mr Frauanckeline's dale (dole?) home from Newcastell, 4 d.; for a new axeltre to the cloke, 6 d.; for a spade shell to the segston, 3 d.; for busums to the sexton, 2 d.; for mending the clarke's stale, 4 d.; for a pound of swine same to the bells, 4 d.; for a graye's head to John Hamble, 4 d.; given to souldiers in this parish being fifteene, eighte pence a man, 10 s.

A.D. 1622.

70 v. Given to souldiers in this parish being fiftene, 8 d. a man, 10 s.; item powder and matche[1] for the souldiers and my charges, 1 s. 6 d.; for fower gerdes for the runlets, 4 d.; for a grays hede to John Robinson, 4 d.

A.D. 1623.

71 v. MEM. That the 7th day of September, A.D. 1623, John Philpott was admitted clerke of the parish of Houghton in the Spring, being nominated by Doctor Lyndsell then parson of the foresaid parish church, by the mutuall consent of Sir Wm Belases, Knight, and the churchwardens, and the foure twenty of the parish, in the presence of Ferd. Morecroft.—Anth. Airey. —Timoth. Comyn.

72. DISBURSEMENTS.—Jul. 13, for tabes to the belles, 4 d. Aug. For powder and matche for the souldiers, 6 s.; to the sexton for bussumes, 2 d.; for the booke of Homilies, 6 s. 6 d. Novem. 9. For ringing for the young Prince,[2] 2 s. 6 d.; for ringing on the kinge day, 2 s. 6 d.; given to souldiers in this parish being fiftene, 8 d. a man, 10 s.; for two graisheads to John Robinson, 8 d.; for tabes to the bells, 4 d.; to the ringers

(1) 'MATCH. A sort of rope, made on purpose for the firing of guns.' —Bailey. So the powder in firearms was ignited before 'matchlocks' were superseded by flint and steel locks.

(2) On the return of Prince Charles from Spain after his visit there with a view to the Spanish match. So at St. Oswald's in the same year, 'the ringers on the Prince's return from Spayne.'

being five, 5 s. [*N.B.* 8 *more graisheads—i.e. badgers' heads, paid for, at* 6 *d. each.*]

A.D. 1624.

DISBURSEMENTS. Imprimis for fourtean swords and bellts, iiij l. xviij s. In charges and the carredge, iij s. vj d. 74 v.

Arms are delivered to these names, followeth:—George Barkous, &c. (14 *other names, ending with*) Michall Jackson for his own sword, vij s.

Paid to the High Constable, iij l. v s.; for powder and match to the souldgers, vj s.; the dressing of the common armor, 1 s. July 4th. For mending the capp of the armor of East Renton, viij d.; given to a preacher which maid us a sermon wanting a place he desyring our benevolence, x s.; for dressing the armor of West Herrington, 1 s.; for charges 3 dayes waiting for giving in our presentment at the Syezes, j s. ij d.; the mending of the flowring of the midle alle and the porch, vj d.; for mending the muskat of John Welsh, vj d.; for a scourde and a worm[1] to the muskat of Robt Guy, vj d.; for a pyke to West Herrington, iij s. viij d.; given to the souldiers, in number 15, x s. (*twice*); for fyve pykes to the souldgers, vj s. ix d.; our charges at Newcastell about the swords, j s. iiij d.; for mending the girds of the runlets, iiij d.; in charges for going with our warrant about the parish for 12 d. a Sunday being absent,[2] ij s. ij d.; for going to Durham with recusans, iiij d.; for dressing a swhord and a new scabart, j s. vj d.; for ringing for King Charles, v s. (*Charges for 'tabs,' 'bussums,' etc.*) 75.

A.D. 1625.

RECEITS. Recaved of Mr Smith for renewing Mr Punshon's stall and Mr Hedworth's stall, and thre woman's stals belonging to Mr Punshon, and on woman's stall belonging to Barnard Arkel's wife, 1 s. 8 d.; recaved of Mr Smith for renewing Barnard Arkel's stall belonging to his land in Herrington, 4 d. 77.

(1) Cf. below, A.D. 1638, 'for a scourer and a worme for T. B.'s muscat.' Instruments for cleaning, ramming, *or drawing the charge out of a musket.* In Kent a corkscrew is called a 'worm.'

(2) By 1 Eliz. c. 2, all persons were required to resort to the parish church or chapel every Sunday and holiday, on pain of forfeiting 1*s.* for every offence to the poor, to be levied by the churchwarden by distress. By 3 Jas. c. 4, any one justice of the peace was empowered to give a warrant to the churchwardens to levy 1*s.* for all such absentees.

76 v. DISBURSEMENTS. For powder and matche, 6 s.; given to the trande (*trained*) sogeres for ther wages, 10 s.; to Edward Mils for making a pike head and mending a musket, 1 s. 10 d.; for a locke and a keye for the dore of organes, 1 s. 2 d.; (77 v.) for ringers of the Crounnacion day, 4 s. 6 d.; given them in drinke, 6 d.; given to the glasener for xviij[th] foute of glase, 7 s. 6 d.; given him for lxxx quares, 5 s.; given for a pocke of coles, 2 d.; given to the tranede solders for there wages, 10 s.; for a rope for the great plume of the clocke, 2 s. 6 d.; for v quarters of fustian for boddoming the pulpet qushine, 1 s. 2 d.; for a pound of powder and ix yeards of mach and fecing it from Durham, 3 s. 2 d.; for mending of the organes the 19[th] March, 1 l.; to the organnes 27[th] March, 5 s.; for a nue runlete and seting tow girds of the old, 1 s. 2 d.; for a servis bouke to the clark, 4 s.; for fower seckes of coles for the organes,[1] 1 s. 4 d.; to the organes, 15 s.

A.D. 1626.

78 v. Receaved of Sir William Bellases of Murton house for renuing his men's stals nixt behind M[r] Carr his stall, xij d.; receaved of M[r] Francis James of Hetton in the hoall for renuing his men's stalls nixt behind Sir William Bellases' stall under the clocke, xij d.—The renuing of stauls in the church: Inprimis M[r] James for building of two new pues of his own chargs next behinde the minister's seat which belonged to M[r] Man, and haith given to the churchwardens viij d.; Thomas Jackson one seat for his selfe and another for his wyfe, viij d., &c., &c. . . . Stals in the southe porch under the clocke: The litle stall under the minister stall, . . . The former of the two hendermost stals, John Lampton on seat, ij s., &c. (6 *more at 2 s. each.*)

80. DISBURSEMENTS. Imprimis geven to the organman for goinge to Durham about wood, xij d.; for pouder and matche, v s. vj d.; (*twice*) to the organman (Apr. 29, 2 s. 6 d.; 30, 2 s. 6 d.; May 3, 2 s. 6 d.); May 9, June 21, July 14, to Izabel Barchus for the organman, xx s.; Nov. 5, 30 s.; to the organman (May 9, 2 s.; 13, 2 s.; 15, 4 s.; 20, 5 s. 1 d.; 22, 2 s.; 26, 10 s.; 30, 2 s.; June, 5, 3 s.; 8, 5 s.; 11, 9 d.; 17, 12 d.; 21, 4 s.); June 21, to Xpofer Johnson for clasps of iron and nayls to the organs, xij d.; 22, to John Filpot the clarke for

(1) The organ, which seems to have required constant repairs, was probably suffering from damp.

the organman, ij s. vj d.; 23, to the organman, ij s. vj d.; 25, to Raphe Bartram for the organman, ij s.; 29, to the organman, ij s.; Julie 5, xij d.; Nov. 5, for nayles to the sealing about the organs, ij d.; to Nicholas Dobson for gowing to Durham to the organman, iiij d.; for on pocke of cols, ij d. (*Charges for powder and match and the other usual charges continue, we also find*) To ij masons for removing the clocke and dressing out of the romes, ij s.; item ij service bookes for gevinge of thanks for staying of the visitation, ij s.; for making the two hindermost stauls under the cloke and the long seat in the midle alle beside the pulpit, and a short staul before the minister staull, and mending the clark's stall, viij s.; for our attending on the Justisses at Houghton, iiij d.

A.D. 1627.

The names of the bookes belonging to the church that could be found att the entring of the forenamed church-wardens this present year, 1627. 82.

Books		Custody
The Church Register in parchment . .		in the custody of Anthony Airey, Curat.
Both partes of the Homilies in one volume, Jewell and Harden		
Hemingins upon the Gospelles	in English uno vol.	
Chytrens upon the Epistles		
Erasmus, his Paraphrasis		

DISBURSEMENTS.—For a pound and a halfe of gunpowder, v s. iij d; for 10 yardes of match, x d.; for going about the parish for twelpence a Sunday in charges, xvj d.; for caryinge the armor to Sunderland and my charges, viij d.; for drisinge the armor at 12 s. for a narmor, iij l. xij s.; attending of Mr Burgin at the mounthly presentinge, vj d.; for a booke and a prayre, iij s. viij d.; for 27 pound of powder at xvj d. the pound, xxxvj s.; for 14 pound of match at 5 d. the pound, v s. x d.; for two stone of leade, 20 d. the stone, iij s. iiij d.; for our charges and bringinge it home, xvj d.; for a leather bage to put the gunpouder in, vj d.; for carrying the armor downe to Sunderland after it was showed at Durham before the Bushoope for mendinge the claspes, vj d.; to Thomas Johnson for his souldieres' waiges, x s. Item to Martin Robinson, x s. [*Thirteen other names of men receiving* 10 s. *each.*] To the jayell of Durham and the house of correcktion, iij l. v s.; to Edward Miles for mendinge Pensher common muskate, xiiij d. 82 v.

A.D. 1628.

84 v. DISBURSEMENTS.—Two bokes for praer, ij s.; for wode for mending the church porch, iiij s.; to Henry Hope for working the wode, ij s.; for nales for the wright, vjd.; for my charges for attending the wright, xvj d. (Plumber, 2½ days, 3 s. 4 d.; solder, 1½ lb., 3 s. 6 d.; nails, 2 d.; more to plumber for solder and work, 4 s.) To John Berkel and Barnerd Broun for felleting the portchis with lime, and putting in a corble ston and walling them, iiij s.; for cariing of sand for the gutter of the porch and cariing for rubesh, vj d.; for besums for the church, ij d. (*More plumbing, glazing, &c., and the usual charges.*)

A.D. 1629.

87. DISBURSEMENTS.—For maiking the Comunion table shorter,[1] 11 s. viij d.; for a spidick and a cannell,[2] 1 d.; for dressing the common armor, xv s.; for tabbs to the bells, iiij d.; for the Funt covering and charges, xxx s.; for tow hands to the Funt coverying, viij d.; for laing on tow gurrs [*girds*] on the runlets and taiking forth tow bottoms and putting them in again, vj d.

A.D. 1630.

90 Item in Fabruary for answering the court that day for excommunicate persons; item our charges that day lykwyse, viij d.

A.D. 1631.

92. DISBURSEMENTS.—Given to Petter Sharpe for making tow pines to the bell tonges, 2 d.; given to the dockter for to by

(1) The tables after the Reformation which took the place of the old altars were long and narrow, being intended to be placed lengthways, east and west, in the chancel or body of the church at communion times. Specimens of such tables (called in derision, 'oyster boards') are still to be seen, though not now in use, in Jersey. Such a table doubtless existed at Houghton at the date before us, being placed as aforesaid. Why it was shortened does not appear. It is not likely to have been with the view of placing it 'altarwise,' the movement in this direction, under the influence of Laud, having begun later than 1629, unless, indeed, the rector, Dr. Lyndsell, had been beforehand in the movement. That it stood in the chancel at Houghton during communion as well as at other times we may conclude from finding it so placed for communion even during the Commonwealth. See below, A.D. 1658: 'Eleaven long firdale formes for the communicants to sitt on in the Quire.'

(2) Brockett gives spidick and fawcett for a wooden tap; 'cannell' must be the tube (*canula*).

a nue challise, v l.; for besumes, ij d.; (93) for ten yeardes of line for a sirptcloth, xviij s.; for makinge a surpcloth, ij s.; for binding up this bouke and puting in 3 quear of paper, ij s.; for whitinge the church and reding aboute the windowes, iij l.

[*Beginning illegible*] that Mr Smith is to have the 98.
—— pewes belonging unto Thomas King adjoyninge upon the North —— Sir William Bellassiss pew, for the which he is to have the pew in the middle alley which belonged to Wm Punshion and the pew which belonged to Mr Richard Hedworth on the North rowe, June this 14th, 1631. Henry Smith, Thomas King.

A.D. 1632.

DISBURSEMENTS.—For painting the organs, j s. vj d.; for 119.
setting on the frenge on the tablecloth, iij d.; for broomes, ij d.; to Peter Sharp for plaites, bandes, and nailes for the organs, iiij s. x d.; for a wallet and bottles for going to serve the sick, ij s.; for coles to the organ mender, j s. iij d.; for mending the organs and for nailes and attending the worke, xliiij s.; for washing the tablecloathes, xviij s.

A.D. 1633.

March 30.—It is agreed that six seates is to be given to 119 v.
those underwritten of the forme joyning to Mr Shadfourth pew; that is (*Six names*).

It is agreed by the gentlemen and 24 that Robt Ayton is to build a pew joyning to the clarke's pew.

Likewise it is agreed that Mich. Jackson, Nic. Newbie 120.
next, and Robt Lanton next beneath, every one of these to joyn to the pewes of the men's seates in the midle pewes of the North side.

DISBURSEMENTS.—For ringinge when the Bushop came by 122.
to Sunderland, j s. vj d.; for broumes to George Dobson, ij d.; to the clarke for writtinge the regester 3 yeares that was behinde in Maister Hudsone's tyme, ij s. vj d.; for writinge the monthly presentment for katikising, iiij d.; to Maister Macson for a bouke of cannons, ij s.

An. Dom., 1633.—Every township's part of the churchyard 105.
wall.

From the Scoole southwards belonging to Newbottle, 40 yards, *and so on*. [Houghton, 35½; Warden Law, 10; Essledon, 19½; Hetton, 40; Moorsley, 9½; East Renton, 28½;

West Renton, 29½; Moorhouse, 9½; Cocken, 10½; Murton, 15½; Biddick and Burntmoore, 21; Pensher, 18½; Offerton, 20; East and Middle Herington, 24; West Herington, 24 yards.]

123. 1633.—Whereas an order was made the 26th of Aprill anno Regni Jacobi secundo, by Mr Doctor Hutton, Parson of Houghton, the gentlemen and the 24 of the said parish, for the prevention of suites, and the preservation of love, betwixt the said Parson and his parishioners, and amongst the parishioners themselves, in these words: It is agreed the day and yeare abovewritten, &c. . . . (*See above, p.* 282). The which pious order haveing lyen fruitelesse for divers yeares last by past, by reason whereof the parishioners of the said parish is growne to such a height of malice and contention as it hath caused the knights, the parson of Houghton for the time being, the gentlemen and 24 of the said parish, to take into there considerations what might be the causes why the aforesaid order, being made to so good and religious an end, should worke no better effect: And, upon perusall of the order aforesaid, it was conceived by the knights, the parson, &c., . . . that by reason it was not provided by the aforesaid order that a penaltie should be forfaited by all such parishioner or parishioners, &c., . . . that was not contented to refere his or there difference or differences to be ordered as aforesaid, or being referred, and ordered as aforesaid, did not hould himself contented, and satisfied with the said order, but did disobey, &c., . . . as also for that it was not provided by the said order in express tearmes whether of the parties at variance should make there said differances knowne unto the Parson, &c., . . . as also for that it was not expressly provided by the said order that all controversies present, and which shall hereafter arise, &c., . . . shalbe referred to the arbitrement, judgment, and ending of, &c., &c., . . . by reason whereof there would be noe refferance made by vertue of the aforesaid order without the joynt election of the Parson of Houghton for the time being, and the partie or parties at variance, of 4 of the knights gentlemen and 24 aforesaid to heare and determine the same, whose absence (as now at this time) or voydance of the parsonage (as lately hath hapned) might breed a greate inconvenience in the delay of the premisses, untill the said parsonage should be supplied with a new Incumbent, and his occasions permit him to come to such an election;—for reformation of all which defects, It is ordered by the knights, the parson,

&c., &c. . . . [*The new order is to the following effect*:—That, in the absence of the Parson, a majority of the knights, gentlemen, and 24 may choose an umpire to act in his stead:—That any parishioner commencing a suit against another without having referred his complaint to the arbitrators appointed as aforesaid shall forfeit (*the sum left blank*), to be recovered by the overseers at the cost of the parish:—That, in case of any controversy arising, the parties feeling themselves aggrieved shall in the first place give notice to the Parson, or his Curate, who shall, during Morning Service on Sunday, call a meeting of the knights, gentlemen, and 24, to meet in the vestry after service:—That, if the case cannot there and then be concluded, a certain day shall be fixed for its final determination by the arbitrators, the parties at variance being allowed the assistance of Counsel:—That this order shall be read distinctly by the Parson or Curate on a Sunday in the church immediately after Divine Service before the congregation have left; and that all parishioners shall be thereafter considered to assent to it, so as to be liable to its penalties, except such as may, before the following Sunday, repair to the Churchwardens, and enter their names as dissentients in the Church Book nigh unto the place where the said order is registered.]

A.D. 1634.

Among the usual disbursements we find:—For new glase 125.
for the windowes, xiiij s.; for mending holes in the ould glase, ij s. viij d.; for breking downe the windowes,[1] ij s. vj d.; for coles to the glaser, vj d.; for lime for the windowes, iij d.; in charges for attending the worke, xij d.

A.D. 1635.

To Anthony Watson for the common armor dressing, 8 s. 8 d. 128.
For mending a musket in East Renton, 5 s. For mending the armor at Morsley, Pensher, West Renton, West Herrington, Newbottle (5 l. 2 s. 6 d., or 1 s.) For match and powder to the souldiers, 7 s., &c.; for mending the Minister staill and maiking a cracket to kneall on in the staill, 2 s. 8 d. (*Many other charges for armour and also for the organ.*)

(1) Does this mean destroying the mullions?

A.D. 1636.

130 v. *June.* Given for a pound franckinsence,[1] 6 d. Sept. 6th. Given for West Erington armes wantinge tasses, gorget, jontes (*joints?*) and a new cap 1 l. 0 s. 9 d.; for Houghton armes wantinge taces gorget and jontes, 14 s. 9 d. (*Ditto* for Hetton and Newbottle); for picke and tare to smoke the church, 1 s. March 27th. Given for two prayer bouks for the Fast, 2 s.

A.D. 1637.

131. It is apointed by Mr Chancler (*Chancellor?*) and the churchwardens that Mr Robart Hutton shall have the pue which is the second pue next the Chansell on the North side, and those that hade seates in that pue we have placed Nicholas Newby in the pue with John Rutter and in the North end of that pue &c. &c.

132 v. DISBURSEMENTS.—For leading eght fouther of stones for the steapell, 6 s. 8 d.

A.D. 1638.

134 v. To Edward Miles for mending the locke of the Church doure and a snecke for the ministers sette, 2 s.; (135) given to the plumer and his man for mending the holes and laying doune webes that did blowe up after we agreed, 7 s. 6 d.; for takeing the stones out of the water at Renton brege, 10 d.; geven to John Rutter for serching the recordes about the parrish bredges, 7 s. 6 d.

135 v. ARMER BREGES (*bridges*) AND SOULDERS. N.B. *A large number of payments for arms, ammunition, wages of soldiers, including*:—For mending the same muskatte and a rest stafe, 2 s.; for halfe a pound of powder, 12 bullats, and match for Morsley, 1 s. 4 d.; for Est Herington for a sword, 1 s. 6 d.; for a banderelay [2] for the same, 3 s.; for stocking and desing (*dressing?*) and a rest for the same, 9 s. 10 d.; for a scourer and a warme for Tho. Brough's muscat, 1 s.; for the balefe fese (*bailiff's fees?*) for the warron (*warrant?*) for Rob. Ransom, 2 s.; for Tho. Brough stringes to his bandeleray, 6 d.;

(1) The use of frankincense appears also in St. Oswald's church, and frequently in that of St. Nicholas at Durham. See Preface (*Frankincense*).

(2) 'BANDALIERS: Wooden cases covered with leather, each of them containing a charge of powder for a musket, of which each musketeer usually carried twelve, hanging on a shoulder-belt or collar.'—Bailey.

for a knapesecke for the same, 1 s.; for thre knapseckes for Hetton, 4 s.; given to the common soulders of Houghton at Newcastle, 2 s. 8 d.; for powder, match, and shote, and mending the hedpece (*headpiece*) 4 s.; for a caise of new bandeleres, 4 s. 4 d.; for a ramer and lying a cape, 1 s.; geven to Richard Dopson for mending of Newbotle brege, 10 s.; (136) for lime to Rob. Stevenson for Newbotle brege, 4 s.; (*many days' wages, probably for work at bridges and armour*).

A.D. 1639.

No entries of special interest. 138 v.

A.D. 1640.

DISBURST.—For our charges about goinge into the parish 141.
for puttinge fond Allye's child to nursinge and for cariinge it up and downe, 1 s. 4 d.; given to a poore minister that had nothinge to pay for his supper and lodgings, 6 d.; given to John Rogerson and Christopher Ranson for a soldier that was pressed, 14 s. 8 d.; given more to them for traned soldiers, 8 s.; (*Several more payments for* "pressed soldiers," *and for* "training"); given to Mayster Matison for writing the protestation, 3 s.; for our charges going about the protestation, 3 s. 4 d.; paied to Maister Mateson for a warrand from the Scotes, 4 s.;[1] for settinge up the founte, 2 s. 6 d.; for a howre glase, 10 d.; for mendinge the cubert doore in the vesterre and the fount cover, 8 d.; for foure and twentie furdales, 1 l. 2 s. (*Much plumbing and glazing.*)

(1) The Scotch army, under Lesley, having crossed the Tweed, August 20, 1640, and defeated the royal forces under Lord Conway at Newburn, occupied Newcastle. There Sir William Belasyse, being High Sheriff of Durham, and Sir William Lambton, waited on General Lesley to give security for providing the Scotch army with provisions on September 3. The accounts between this year and 1650 are very meagre. With respect to them it may be observed that henceforth visitations with all ecclesiastical jurisdiction cease, for the cause of which see p. 102, note (1). Further, that till 1645 things in the parish seem to have gone on in other respects much as usual, but in that year the battle of Marston Moor having been fought in July 1644) and till 1650, the disbursements amount to no more that 1*l.* or 2*l.* in each year, and there is no mention of any expenditure for bread and wine, although we find 'for a houre glasse, 9*d.*' In 1650, the Commonwealth having been established in 1649, the entries in the book become interesting as illustrative of the conduct of parochial affairs under that regime.

A.D. 1641.

No accounts entered.

A.D. 1642.

144 For a houre glasse, 9 d.; *ordinary charges, e.g.* 17 gallons and 2 quarts of wine at Easter, 1 l. 15 s.

A.D. 1643 AND 1644.

144 v. For making the churchyard hedge, 8 d.; 6 gallons and a quart of wine at Easter, 13 s.; 3 gall. of wine more, (*then*) 6 s. 6 d.; for a grayes head to my selfe, 4 d.

A.D. 1645–1648.

145 v. *Only four or five entries each year*; *in* 1647, for soudring 2 flaggons, 4 d.

A.D. 1649.

No entries. No list of Ch. wardens etc., since 1642.

146 v. *List of Ch. wardens, &c., as usual before* 1643.

A.D. 1650.

147. It is concluded and agreed upon among the gentlemen and 24 the 9th of June, 1650, that a cesment of 5 s. the pound is to be levied through the parish, &c.

It is also agreed by the gentlemen and 24 aforesaid that the Cunstables presently bring in, with the severall townes where they live, the names of all the cottagers and other able persons . . . . to be assessed as it shalbe thought fit, towards the necessarie repaires of the Church.

It is also agreed, that at the returne of Mr Eastthrope a collection be gathered through the parish for bread and wine after the usual manner that it hath beene gathered, that the parishioners may have a Communion.[1]

(1) There is no subsequent notice of this order having been carried out, or of any communions till the Restoration. Mr. Eastthrope may be concluded to have been a presbyterian divine expected to come to the parish in place of the ejected rector, John Barwick. Subsequently, A.D. 1659, one Nicholas Battersby was in possession of the living, as appears from the following entry in the register: 'Nicolas Battersby, Rector of this parish, and M'ris Hester Lawson of Newcastle, married 2 June, 1659.' He is mentioned also as 'parson of this parish' in certain orders (No. 12) made by the vestry March 30, 1658, which are given below. After the Restoration

It is also agreed . . . . that the clark of this parish shall have his accustomed wages and his areeres paid him for the time that he hath served.

It is also agreed that Nichollas Dobson, now sexton, shall doe all such offices as the former sextons did, or otherwise another to be chosen in his place, and that all such as have broken ground in the church shall pay 4 d. accustomed, to be collected by the said Dobson.

Receipts for this yeare 1650.—For a cesment of v s. the 147 v.
pound &c. &c. Sume is 7 l. 15 s. 4 d. ob.—Lairstalls:—Sume is 13 s. 4 d.

Disbursements, 1650.—(*Mainly for repairs of the church*, 148.
but including) For charges for searching the King's pickture and armes, 1 s. Sume is 7 l. 16 s. 4 d.

Rec. from the old churchwardens and delivered to the new, 13 s. 8 d.

A.D. 1651.

Lists as in 1650, *then*,

It is concluded and agreed among the gentlemen and 24 148 v.
that a cesment of vj s. viij d. the pound is to be levied, &c. . . . and delivered into the hands of the churchwardens betwixt this and this day fortnight.

It is concluded and agreed, &c. . . . that a sesment of iij s. the pound is to be levied, &c.

Receipts for this year 1651.—Sume is 17 l. 17 s. 8 d.

Disbursments.—(*As above, and including*) For taking away the funt, 4 s. Sume is 18 l. 5 s. 6 d. Item paid for tow warrants, 10 d.

Seene and allowed by us at Houghton the 14 of May 1652. Thomas Delavall; John Hall,[1] Maior.

Barwick returned, but was made Dean of Durham (afterwards Dean of St. Paul's, 1661), and was succeeded in the rectory by Sancroft, afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury, A.D. 1662.

(1) Thomas Delaval, third son of Sir Ralph Delaval, of Seaton Delaval, Kt., had married (May 6, 1645) Elizabeth, relict of Francis James (youngest son and devisee of Bishop James), of Hetton-le-Hole, Esq. He appears to have taken the lead, as Justice of the Peace, in the parochial affairs of Houghton during the Commonwealth, under which (see below, A.D. 1658) the next Justice of the Peace was empowered to act as a sort of Ordinary. Delaval appears to have been active and efficient in the discharge of his functions, as will be seen below. The notices of his proceedings are interesting as showing how the affairs of some parishes were carried on during the Commonwealth. In addition to what appears from this book, we find a

A.D. 1652.

149 v. (*Lists continue.*)—Received the yeare abovesaid for laire-stalles, the summe of 13 s. 4 d.

Seene and allowed by us at Houghton the 2 May, 1653. Thomas Delavall; John Walton, Maior.

A.D. 1653.

150. (*Lists as before.*)—It is ordered and agreed upon among the gentlemen and 24 that each towne within this parish come in and repair the churchyard wall so much as belongs to every township betwixt this and Whitsuntide.

It is ordered and agreed upon by the gentlemen and 24 that a cesment of 3 s. the pound be levied through the parish by the constables of every towne, and delivered to the church-wardens betwixt this and Sunday next, that the arreeres which are behinde may be discharged without any further delay, and for repairing other things which is needfull to be done.

152. The sesse of iij s. a pound comes too in all, 5 l. 18 s. 0 d.

Received by Richard Welsh deceased and per John Welsh (with more for a layre stone, 3 s. 4 d.), 4 l. 16 s. 4 d.

Disbursed by Richard Welsh and per John Welsh, 2 l. 19 s. 11 d.

Nicholas Dobson is to repay 4 s. 4 d., which he hath received for spades and shovells and irons for them for the parish use, he beeing to find the same of his owne proper charges.

Seene and allowed by us the 5th of May 1654. Thomas Delavall; Anthony Daile, Maior.

new register book of baptisms, marriages, and burials procured in 1653, which is very well kept, a registrar (John Philpott, yeoman) having been chosen by the parishioners, approved by the same Thomas Delaval as Justice of the Peace, and sworn into his office, in pursuance of an Act of Parliament of August 24, 1653. Till the end of November 1657 Delaval himself signs all the entries in the register, after which date they are not signed at all. Immediately on the Restoration Thomas Delaval disappears from view. The 'John Hall, Maior,' who signs the accounts as well as Delaval, may have been the Mayor of Durham or of Sunderland. Others, designated 'Maior,' sign with Delaval in a few subsequent years. The Ordinance of Parliament, given below, A.D. 1658, required two Justices to have the accounts of churchwardens submitted to them each year.

A.D. 1654.

It is agreed by the gentlemen, 24, and churchwardens, that a cesment of five shillings the pound is to be levied, &c., for the repaire of the steeple and leads of the church, whereunto we have subscribed our hands. Thomas Delavall, &c. &c. 152 v.

Resaved for the sesment, &c. Sum is 10 l. 0 s. 3 d. Rec. for lairstalls, 8 s. 4 d. Arreers, 19 s. 1 d. ob.

March, 1654.—It is ordered by the gentlemen and 24 that a cesment of 2 s. the pound for the roug mony is to be levied, &c. . . . This to be collected and brought in against next Sunday. 153 v.

It is also agreed upon by the gentlemen and 24 that the churchyard wall shalbe repaired betwixt this and May Day upon paine of v s. Every township that does neglect it, this yeare to take notice of that it be done against the day prefixed.

It is also concluded that the clarke's accustomed dues must be paid him with his arreares, and whereas before he had x d. a plough, he is now to have vj d. a plough heerafter why it be paid without further troble to him.

Disbursments, 1654 (*including* 44 foote of glasse, and 4 douzen of quarries; for a houreglasse, 9 d.; to the plumer, 1 l.; for mending the steeple, 7 l.).—11 l. 10 s. 8 d. 154.

Seene and allowed by us at Houghton the 9 of May 1655. —Thomas Delavall; John Kirson, Maior.

A.D. 1655.

It is agreed, &c., that Nichollas Dobson shall continue his place no longer than May-day next, except he be more diligent in executing of his place, and then in his place we doe nominate Rich. Tyers to execute the said office, and receive the dues belonging to the said place. 154 v.

Receipts.—Aprill the first 1656 (*for lairstones*), 8 s. 4 d. 155 v.

Disbursements.—For our charges at Durham when we gave in a presentment, 2 s.; a focks head, &c.; for a warran to the churchwardens, 6 d.

The summ, 8 s. Soe there remaines four pence to be delivered to the new churchwardens.

Seene and allowed by us at Houghton the 29th of Aprill, 1656.

Thomas Delavall, Anthony Bayles, Maior.

A.D. 1656.

156. At the desire of some of the parishioners to Mr Caunt, Schoolmaster to the schoole of Haughton, in the absence of the Governours it is agreed that John the sonne of William Unthanke of Haughton, Richard the son of Richard Marley of Hetton, Thomas the sonne of Thomas Turner of East Renton, and George the son of Ralph Gray of Haughton, be admitted from the five and twentyeth day of December last to receive and have the benefitt each of them of sixe and twenty shillings per annum according to the Foundation of the Free Schoole of Haughton, the better to mainteine them and bring them up at the said schoole in learning, Provided that their parents doe suffer and permit them to remaine their constantly to that end and purpose. So agreed by us whose names are under written at Hetton the third day of January in the yeare of our Lord God 1655. (*Signed*) Thomas Delavall, George Caunt, &c. &c.

(*In the margin.*—Ordered the 29 of June, 1658, by Tho. Delaval, governor of Houghton Schoole, that in the place of Thomas Turner the younger his brother, Robert Turner, be admitted a poore scholar, and have the small stipend, so his parents keepe him altogether at the said schoole.)

157. Aprill the first 1656.—In obedyens to an ordinans of his Highnes the Lord Protector, by and with the advice and consent of his counsell, for better amending and keping in repaire the common high wayes within this nation, the perrishoners of Houghton have met together, doe nominate appoint and chuse, Surveyors of the hye wayes for the above named parish of Houghton, for the yeare ensewing, as followeth:—Mr. Francis Middelton of Offerton, Raiph Smith of West Renton, William Craw of Hetton, Raiph Robinson of Midd. Herrington.

157 v. Aprill the 8th, 1656.—*Appointment of officers.*—It is further agreed the same day that for the necessary repaires of the church, the leads, windows, bells, bell-loft, and the payment of some debts to former church-officers, that an assessment of five shillings per pound be layd on and collected (according to the new booke of rates) by the constables betwixt this and Whitsunday next, and payd into the churchwardens' hands.

158. Likewise the same day it is ordered that widdow Elizabeth Heppell shall have thirty shillings payd her out of the taxation for the poore towards the maintenance of a poore childe, Thomas Ayre, about eight yeares of age.

The four and twenty.

Present at the aforesayd elections and agreements. Thomas Delavall, Thomas Shadforth, &c. &c.

April the 29, 1656.—Received of the old churchwardens as followeth. Tow silver cupps with 2 covers of silver, and also tow large pewter flagons and a lesser flagon, and a ould cupp and a table cloth. And received in mony foure pence mo. Percivell Barkhous. 158 v.

Mem. that Elizabeth Tracey, a poore orphan, was bound apprentice to Thomas Rutter for ten yeares beginning the 29th of Aprill, 1656. Also that Thomas Ayre, a poore orphan, was bound apprentice to Raiphe Smyth for fourtene yeares, beginning the 6th of May, 1656.

The whole summ of our receits (*from assessments*), 7 l. 18 s. 9 d. Our disbursments, 7 l. 9 s. 1 d. Theire remaineth, 9 s. 8½ d. 159.

Seene and allowed by us at Houghton the 14 Aprill, 1657, Thomas Delavall; Geo. Lilburne.[1]

DISBURSEMENTS.—*Of the usual kind, but much glazing.* 162.

A.D. 1657.

July the 19th, 1657.—Att a meeting then yt was ordered and agreed upon by the gentlemen, &c. . . . that a sesment of five shillings the pound be forthwith leveyed and collected for payment of the arreares for the jaole and marshalsey and other necessarye repaires towards the church. 163.

April the 21, 1657.—Rec. of the old churchwardens as followeth. Two sillver cupps with two covers of sillver, and allso two large powder flaggons and a lesser flagon, an an old cuppe and a table cloath. (*In margin*, 'A large church Bible.') And received in monney 9 s. 8 d. ob., by mee William Ironside. 163 v.

Disbursments for the yeare 1657.—For a skepp for the 159 v.

(1) Probably the George Lilburne of Offerton, in the parish of Houghton, who after the Restoration built the north wing of the hospital on the east side of the churchyard, George Davenport, the rector, having added the other wing. On the north wing is inscribed, 'George Lilburne, Esq., built the moiety of this hospital at his own charge, and endowed it with ten pounds per annum for ever, for the maintenance of three poor people, Anno Dom. 1668.' He was uncle of the well-known John Lilburne, had acted during the Civil Wars as the only magistrate within the limits of the borough of Sunderland, and was returned in 1654 as one of the Knights of the Shire in Cromwell's Parliament. (Surtees, *Hist. of Durham*, vol. i. p. 258, note.)

parrish use, 1 s.; for dressing the vestry and removing the
161. funt, 6 d.; *etc.* The whole sume is 5 l. 15 s. 2 d. Sum total is that we received (*Lairstalls, renewals of pews, and cesment*) 8 l. 14 s. 0 d. ob. Remaineth unpaid in our hands, 2 l. 18 s. 10 d. ob.

Seene and allowed by us at Houghton, 28 Apr. 1658. Thomas Delavall; Tho. Lilburne.[1]

168 v. A.D. 1657.—Att Hetton in the Hole, the 2nd day of March, 1657.

Be it remembred that the said day and yeare, Att a meeting of the gentlemen and fower and twenty with the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Houghton in the Springe, It was concluded and is ordered as followeth.

1. That the last sesse of v s. a pound, laid on 19 July last, be spedily collected, out of which the arreares for the goale and Marshalsey unpaid by this parish for the yeares 1656 and 1657 is to be paid, being vj l. x s., and the remainder of that sesse to be paid towards the repaires of the church, the bells, and the churchyard walls: and what the charge in doing this work may require, the same is to be viewed by the church officers and workmen, and a particular thereof given in att the next meeting appointed this said day month: and then a sess to be laid on the parish for the said repayres.

2. That all such of this parish as have not paid the accostomed fee or duty for lairstalls, That the churchwardens doe forthwith collect the same, and pay to Thomas Hope, mason, for 19 dayes 19 s., and to William Shaw, laborer, for 17 dayes viij s. vj d., for repayring the pavement and dressing the church: and the remainder of that money to be reserved for reparacion of the pewes and seates.

3. That alwayes hereafter none be suffered to break the ground within the church to bury there dead there but such as have bin accostomed, and with the licence of the churchwardens. When any dy before the grave be made, the sexton is to give them notice thereof, to the end noe corps be suffered to be interred till the due fees for breaking the ground within the church be paid; that is iij s. iiij d. for a man or woman,

(1) Major Thomas Lilburne, of Offerton, eldest son of the George referred to in the last note. His monument (a plain blue slab) in Houghton Church has the inscription, 'Here lyeth the body of Major Thomas Lilburne, who was one of the instrumental persons in his Majesty's happy Restoration. He departed this life 25th of March, Anno Domini 1665.'

and xx d. for a child; with the which money the harme done either to the pavement or seates by making the grave is within 14 dayes after to be repayred, and the rubbish remayning to be cleane carryed forth of the church.

4. That the churchwardens for the time being doe hereafter take speciall care to open and lock the church doores upon all occasions, and leave the keyes in the custody and keeping of the parish clerk or one of themselves; and that they keep and have in readiness for use at all times the church plate, books, and other goods of the parish.

5. That the churchwardens from time to time according to law doe take care to order the seates in the church, and appoint every parishioner a convenient seate there, that does now or hereafter shall want one.

6. That although the present sexton Nicholas Dobson has bin very remiss and negligent in his office, yett upon Philip Brough and Michaell Robinson's engagement for him that (164) hereafter he will looke to his charge more diligently in all things as he ought, The said Dobson is againe admitted to be sexton for one yeare; and particularly he is not to make any graves within the church without leave of one or more of the churchwardens; to take the pavement stones carefully up without breaking, to dig and make every grave within the church a yard and a halfe deepe at least, and in the church-yard 5 quarters; to sweap the church and seates every fort-night, and cast out the dirt and rubbish; to observe the accos-tomed howers for ringing the bells, on the Lord's dayes and at other meetings, forenoone and afternoone; and after the bells and roaps are new repayred, the sexton to find the roapes after; and the money given at burials for ringing, each ringer to have his part, to dispose as he pleaseth, soe it be not spent by wastfull drinking. To keepe the spades and shovels for the making graves for that use and no other; and carefully and duly to do all things else belonging to his place, otherwise the said Dobson is to be displaced, and a new Sexton chosen in his roome.

7. That John Philpott be continued clerk of this parish, and shall have and receive all the accostomed fees and wages that heretofore has bin paid, or doth belong to that office, he doing and performing all services whatsoever belonging to the said place, and if he shall refuse, then another to be nominated nd chosen clerk at the next meeting.

8. That according to an Ordinance of Parliament 3 Jan. 1644, The Minister and churchwardens doe carefully keep the new Register book, and that the Minister doe from time to time therein write and sett downe the names of all children baptised, and of their parents, and of the time of their birth and baptising; and the names of all persons married there, and the time of their marriage: and also the names of all persons buried in the parish, and the time of their death and buriall.—And in confirmation of the severall orders foremencioned and made the aforesaid day and yeare, soe many of the gentlemen, fower and twenty, and church officers, as were present and consenting have hereunder sett their hands.

The hands of the gentlemen and fower and twenty.	The hands of the Churchwardens and Overseers.
Thomas Delavall	Richard Shippardson
Thomas Shadfourth	&c. &c. . . .
&c. &c. . . .	

164 v. A.D. 1658.

Att Houghton in le Spring the 30th day of March 1658.

Bee it remembred that the said day and yeare, at a meeting of the gentlemen and fower and twenty, with the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Houghton in the Spring aforesaid, It was concluded &c. . . . and is ordered as followeth.

1. That the said Parish Church and every part of it, with the tower and bells and the vestry, be forthwith putt all into good and sufficient repaire, For the doing whereof that a sesse of ten shillings a pound (according to the new booke of rates) be laid on throughout the said parish, to be collected by the constables (as ever accostomed) and paid by them to the churchwardens &c. . . . The one moyety of the said sess to be paid at Whitsuntide next, and the other moyety at Lammas following.

2. The said parishioners have agreed with Michaell Greene of Durham, Plumber, that in consideracion of the sume of eight pounds to be paid him by the churchwardens out of the said tax hee is well and sufficiently before Michalmas next to repaire and new mend and cast all the leads that are in decay &c. . . . and to sowder where any holes are, soe as it may turne and keep out wind and raine or snow; The said Mich. Greene for doing the said work is at his own proper charges to find all such new lead, sowder, dales, nailes, and other materials as

shalbe needfull . . . only the parish is to provide a frame and wood for casting the new sheets of lead, and a cart to fetch the dales home in. The said money is to be paid as the work goes on, only fowerty shillings to ly in the Ch. wardens' hands till all the said work be quite finished and veiwed to be well done. And the said Michaell Greene is (before any money be paid him) to enter Bond to the Ch. Wardens in the penall sume of sixteene pounds for true and due performance of the said work, as is agreed and ought to be done.

3. *Similar agreement with Thomas Robinson of Hetton, Carpenter, for wood-work about the bells and belfry, to be finished at Midsummer, and* 6 *l.* 5 *s. to be then paid him, he having 'entered bond' for* 12 *l.* 10 *s.*

4. *Agreement with William Ironside of Houghton, Yeoman, 'who hath named Thomas Cooper of the same, Blacksmith,' to do all the iron-work about the bells and frames for* 40 *s.*

5. Also it is ordered, That all those of this parish whose seates or pewes are now ruinous and broken, That the owners thereof doe at their own severall charges each one gett his pew repayred as formerly it hath beene at or before Midsommer next, otherwise to loose his right therein, and the gentlemen and 24 with the Ch. Wardens to dispose of the said pewes to others of the parish that want, and will repaire the same; and if any soe displaced shall notwithstanding intrude againe into their former seate, they shall forfeit halfe a crowne to the poore, and be sued at the law for their contempt at the charge of this parish.

6. Also it is ordered, That according to the old usage and 165.
custome of this parish that at the death of the owner of any pew or seate in this church, or exchange of a pew one parishioner with another, That those who claime the right thereof pay for each seate so renewed or exchanged to the Ch. Wardens 4 d. for the parish use. As also, if any shalbe admitted to erect a new pew in this church, he shall pay as aforesaid such a reasonable composicion for the same as heretofore hath bin accostomed.

7. Also it is agreed, That each towne and hamlett in this parish doe before Midsommer next sufficiently repayre their severall parts of the church yard walls, on a paine to forfett 10 s. a peece: and that part of the fence on the North which lyes in common, the Ch. Wardens are to see the same be amended at the parish charge as formerly.

8. Also it is ordered, That the old and accostomed wages and duties belonging to the clerks of this parish be continued and paid to John Philpott whom wee doe appoint our parish clerke, he doing and performing all those offices and services belonging that place, for which he is to be paid, to begin at Easter next, as followeth. By each Plow ix d., by each Cottager iiij d., yearly at Easter time: for a Marriage, 4 d.; for asking the banes, 2 d.; for a christning, j d.; and for a Buriall, iiij d.; which duties are paid for entering the same in the Register booke.

9. Also, it is ordered, That the sexton of this parish for the time being doe not hereafter require nor be paid any other fees for his service than as hath beene anciently accostomed, that is, By each Plow, 2 d.; by each Cottage a *ob.* yearly; for a Christning, ij d.; for a grave making in the Quire, vj d.; in the Church, iiij d.; in the ch. yard, 2 d. And upon good will each householder to give him buns at Christmas and egs at Easter yearely.

10. Also, it is strictly enjoyned, That the Overseers of the poore of this parish doe take present care, that if any part of the Poore's stock be in men's hands that are decayed in their estates, or whose bondsmen are not sufficient, or have not given bond, that the said Overseers doe call in the moneyes, and put it out into able men's hands with good securitye; otherwise they themselves to be responsible for the same: And likewise that such whose bonds beares date before the Act of vi li. per cent. passed September 29, 1651, be accountable and pay to the poore after viij li. in the hundreth, both for the time past and to come, till the respective parties doe pay in the severall sumes principall debt resting in their hands: Otherwise to be sued upon their bonds forthwith.

11. Also, it is agreed, That at or before Lammas next, after all the pewes and seates in this church are repayred by the owners, and such seated in new pewes that want, That then the right pewes and seates belonging to every parishioner be fairly entered and recorded in the church booke, that every one may thereafter know his proper place, and thereby all occasion of difference herein taken away.

12. And lastly, wheras Mr Battersby,[1] Parson of this parish,

(1) Intruded into the living during the Commonwealth in the room of the rector, John Barwick.

hath agreed with Maland of Durham, Clockmaker, to repaire and sett a going the great striking clock belonging this church at his owne charges, It is ordered that the said Maland, according to agreement with him be paid by this parish a noble a yeare for 7 years for mending and keeping the said clock in all respects perfectly going, and as oft as need requires, quarterly or oftener, to come to Houghton and dress and mend the same.

13. And that the goods parochiall of this church may not be imbeazeled it is ordered, That the churchwardens yearely doe deliver up the same by Inventory to their successors, and take care it doe agree with that Inventory inserted in the 192 page of this booke. In confirmacion of the premises wee have hereunto subscribed our names the said 30th day of March in the yeare of Christ 1658. Thomas Delavall, &c. &c.

Touching the fower nobles yearely Rent due out of the lands of Cocken to the poore of Houghton parish.[1] 190 v.

Bee it remembered, That by a Deed dated the 7th of July in the 30th of Elizab. betweene James Car of Newcastle, merchant, and John Heath and Richard Bellasys, governors of the Free Grammar School and Almeshouse of Kepier in the parish of Houghton in the Spring, granted by vertue of a former Deed made the 24th of July, the 12th of Eliz. by one William Car, Alderman of Newcastle, to the said James Car and others, a rentcharge of fowerty shillings and another of fower nobles per annum to be issuing forth of Cocken, and all his lands there for ever, to be paid at Martinmas and Penticost equally, yett in trust; viz. the said xl s. rent to be paid to the Schoolmaster for maintenance of the said schoole, and the other, xxvj s. viij d., to the poore of Houghton parish on All Souls day and Good Friday equally, to be distributed by the Parson of Houghton and the Churchwardens and Overseers there. The said James Car, living to be the sole survivor, assignes (as abovesaid) the said Trust over to the Governors for the time being of the said schoole to the uses aforesaid in as ample manner as it was first convayed to him, with a clause of distress for nonpayment thereof, and Warranty, with other Covenants more at large in the said Deed expressed, and among others gives to the Master of the said schoole for the time being the

(1) Fo. 189 is missing; on fo. 190 is the end of a list of payments from various places, due to the poor, amounting, with interest of stock, to 45 l. 5 s. 6 d.

said yearely rent of xl s. in augmentation of his salary and stipend &c.

Extracted and truely here recorded, according to the substance of the originall Deeds themselves in my custody, this 25th day of March in the yeare of Christ 1658. By mee Thomas Delavall, one of the governors of the said schoole.

Touching Ten Pounds lately added to the Stock of the Poore of Houghton parish by Geo. Bellasys Esqr.

Bee it remembered that George Bellasys, one of the yonger sons of Sir William Bellasys of Moorton house, Knight, did by his last Will give by legacy to the poore of the parish of Houghton in the Spring the sume of Ten pounds in augmentation of the said Poore's Stock. The said Geo. Bellasys dyed in December 1656, and the said Ten pounds being brought to my hands soone after, I did on the 22 day of January 1656 pay and deliver the same Ten pounds to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poore of this said parish then in office, for the use aforesaid, at Hetton-in-the-hole in the presence of sundry of the gentlemen and Fower and 20 of the said parish. As witnesse my hand this 25th day of March, in the yeare of Christ 1658. Thomas Delavall.

191. Touching the Fower Nobles Rent due out of the Towne Chamber of Newcastle to the poore.

Bee it remembered, That one Mr Franckland of the Towne of Newcastle upon Tine did give and grant the said Rentcharge, as appeares by soe much of his last Will and Testament made the 12 of Q. Eliz. in these words following:—Also I will that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Fower and Twenty of the Counsell of Newcastle as is beforesaid shall every yeare deliver or cause to be delivered to the Person of Houghton in the Spring, and to the Churchwardens of the same parish, xxvj s. viij d. lawfull English money, parcell of the ten pounds of the yearely encrease as before is said: The which fower Nobles I will and upon God's behalfe doe command that it be yearely given to the most poore and needy through the whole parish, without respect of any person, as they will answere at their utmost perills for doing the contrary: And I will that the same shalbe given at such dayes and times as the fower Nobles is appointed to be given which my welbeloved wife hath given out of Cocken as the speciall writings concerning the same,

and also xl s. yearely to Mr Gilpin's schoole, will testify and beare record.

Extracted, &c. . . . Thomas Delavall.

Touching the Ten pounds due out of Kirkledam yearely to the Poore of Houghton parish.

Bee it remembered, That, according to the informacion I have had from sundry credible persons, Richard Bellasys of Morton house Esqr did by his Deed in writing assure to these Feoffees in trust, viz. Wm Thursby, Robt Rutter, Wm Rickaby, and Rich. Hevyside, a Rentcharge of Ten pounds a yeare to be paid out of his Tythes of Kirkledam in the County of York for the tearme of ninety nine yeares after his death, The same to be distributed among twenty poore people borne within the parish of Houghton in the Spring quarterly, viz. to ten of them iij s. a quarter, which is vj li. a yeare, and to the other ten ij s. a quarter, which is iiij li. a yeare. The said Richard Bellasys dyed (as I find it in the old Register booke of this said parish) on the 13th day of January in the yeare of Christ 1599.

Witnesse my hand this 25 day of March 1658.—Thomas Delavall.

Touching the 24 li. a yeare rent due out of Hylton to the poore of Houghton parish.

Bee it remembered, That Baron Henry Hylton of Hylton within the parish of Monkwarmouth in the County of Durham Esqr did by his last Will and Testament among other things &c. impose a Rentcharge of Twenty fower pound a yeare to be issuing forth of all his lands for the tearme of ninety nine yeares from and after the time of his death, the same to be paid to the Overseers of the poore of the parish of Houghton in the Spring, To be by them distributed amongst twelve of the poorest inhabitants borne within the said parish by allotting to every one of them fowerty shillings a yeare. The said Baron Henry Hylton dyed in the month of March in the yeare of Christ 1640. All which is true, as appeares by sundry writings which I have seene; as Witnesse my hand att Hetton-in-the-hole the 25th day of March in the yeare 1658. Thomas Delavall.

Upon due examinacion and search made in the Books and Registers of this parish of Houghton it is found this 25th day of March 1658 as hereafter followeth.

Clerk. That the Clerk's wages of this parish is ix d. upon a plow, iiij d. upon a cottager, to be paid yearely at Easter time. Also for a Christning j d., a Buriall 4 d., a marriage 4 d., and asking the banes 2 d.

Sexton. That the Sexton's wages is 2 d. a Plow, each Cottage a *ob.*, a Christning 2 d., for a grave in the Quire vj d., in the Church iiij d., in the yard ij d. And buns at Xtmas and egs at Easter yearely.

Lairstalls. That there is due to this parish of every Corps buried in the church for lairstals for a man or woman iij s. iiij d., and for a child 1 s. viij d., to be collected and paid to the churchwardens.

Seates dues. That there is due to this parish for renewing each seate in a pew at the death or exchange of the owner thereof iiij d., and for altering or erecting new pewes xij d. or more as it is in largeness. See the 48, 57, 97, and 104 pag. of this booke.

Ch. yard walls. That the churchyard wall in 1633 is to be repayred by the severall townes and hamlets, each one his proporcion, as is sett downe the 105 page of this booke, and the earth hedge thereof at the common charge of this parish.

Constables. That when any sesses are agreed to be collected in this parish for the releefe of the poore, or repaires, or other concernes of this church, the Constables by custom these 60 yeares and above are to collect them, and pay the money to the church officers. See pag. 119 and 165.

Rogue money. The Rogue money is a yearely payment due by this parish at Midsommer, payable to the High Constable for prisoners in goale, correction &c., and since the yeare 1623 the said payment hath bin three pound five shillings a yeare, which the Churchwardens are to see paid accordingly and take acquittance for the same.

Meetings. By an order of the gentlemen and 24 in the yeare 1604 such of them as are absent at meetings after notice given without lawfull occasion forfett by an old custome xij d. to the Poore box. And noe meetings to be upon the Lord's day. See the 113, 114, 115 pag. of this booke.

Tenants. By an order of the gentlemen and 24, March 1598, such as take tenants into their houses must be answerable for all duties belonging to the Church, and the Clerk and Sexton's wages that is due to be paid by their said tenants. See pag. 116.

Bellasys dole. For the disposall of Bellasys dole of 10 li. a yeare by this

parish to 10 poore people borne in the same, see the 104 and 105 pag. in the yeares 1599 and 1600.

By an order made by the gentlemen and 24 in anno 1607, such pewes in the church as shall not be new repayred by the owners of them, and if any refuse, to loose his pew, and will not be at the charge, such as will to have it, if admitted by the gent. and 24; and if any so displaced shall sitt therein, to forfett ij s. vj d., and to be sued at the parish charge. See pag. 112, 165. 192. *Repayring of pewes.*

An Inventory of all the moveable goods now remayning and belonging to the Parish Church of Houghton in the Spring, as the same was given in the 25th day of March 1658 by the churchwardens of the said parish: viz.

In the custody of the churchwardens. *Church goods.*

First, two large chalices or cups of silver, with two covers of silver to them:—Item two large puter flagons; one lesser puter flagon; one puter cuppe; a white damask Communion Table cloth; a large Church Bible in folio, bought 1630, and cost liij s.; the Communion table.

In the church remayning.

First, eleaven long firdale formes for communicants to sitt on in the Quire:—Item a large arke of oake for laying bread in for the poore; a large cubbord in the vestry with 2 doores; a great iron striking clock; the table of the ten commandments of God.

In the custody of the Parish Clerk.

First, an old Paper Register booke, remayning in the Court at Durham:—It. another Parchment Register booke, commencing in the yeare of God 1563; a third large Parchment Register booke, commencing the yeare of God 1653.

In the custody of the Parish Sexton.

First, a large iron hack for making of graves:—It. a shovell; a spade.

By an order made by the gent. and 24 in anno 1639 such as have any of the Poore Stock to renew their bonds with good sureties, else to be sued: If any fall in decay, to call in the money and better secure it: Otherwise if any of it be lost, the Ch. wardens and Overseers to pay it themselves. See pag. 138. *The Poore's Stock.*

It is recorded in the yeare 1592 the places and seates that every parishioner is to have in this church &c., as appears in this booke, pag. 97 and 106. *Places in Church.*

For peace. Lastly, there are two very good orders made the one in 1604, the other in 1633, as appeares in this booke, pag. 96 and 123, whereby all sutes and differences betwixt one of the parishioners and another, or betweene them and their Minister, that shall at any time arise among them, shalbe comprised in an amicable way without sute at law.

All which particulars (as they are here before inserted and sett downe) I have myselfe faithfully and truly examined; as witnesse my hand att Hetton-in-the-hole the said 25 day of March 1658.—Thomas Delavall.

193 v. A Particular of such Parish Goods which belonged to this Church and are awanting this 25th day of March, 1658.

Goods.—A pulpit cloth and quission, and the communion table carpett. It. 2 formes used for communicants to sitt on in the church; 2 runlets for carrying wine in for the communion. *Bookes.*—It. a Jewell and Hardinge; the first tombe of Erasmus Parephrasis; a Hemingins on the Ghospels and —— on the Epistles in English.; the booke of Homilies; the booke of Canons; two Common Prayer Bookes. *Table.*—It. a table of the degrees of Marriages. See pag. 59 and 82.

I find the abovesaid particulars, upon search herein and enquiry, that they belonged this church. Thomas Delavall.

192 v. A true Particular of the Rates of the Lands and other Estates as they now stand in the new book of Rates of this County of Durham, according to which all taxes and sesses are collected.

Rates. 25 March 1658. Houghton in the Spring, township only, 2 l. 13 s. 4 d.; Pensher, 2 l. 16 s. 2 d.; Hetton in the hole, 3 l. 10 s. 0 d.; Moorsley, 1 l. 8 s. 0 d.; East and Middle Herrington, 2 l.; Biddick, 1 l. 9 s. 4 d.; Burntmoore, 12 s. 6 d.; Morton Grange, 1 l. 5 s. 2 d.; West Herrington, 2 l. 5 s. 1 d. ob.; Newbottle, 3 l.; Warden Law, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d.; Eppledon, 2 l. 5 s. 0 d.; West Renton, 2 l. 15 s. 0 d.; East Renton, 2 l. 6 s. 0 d.; Moorehouse, 16 s. 8 d.; Cocken, 1 l. 9 s. 8 d.; —— close, 10 s. 6 d.; Rugley Wood, 2 s.; Offerton, 2 l. 5 s. 0 d. The said 19 townes and lands are in toto 34 l. 13 s. 5 d. *ob.*

These following were added to the Booke of Rates within this said parish of Houghton in le Spring.

Augmentations. The glebe and tythes of the Parson of Houghton, 3 l. 13 s. 6 d.; the Colerye of Renton, 8 s.; the tyth of Renton, 4 s. 2 d.; the tyth of Morton, 2 s.; the Water mill

of Biddick, 1 s. 6 d. The said Augmentacions are in toto 4 l. 9 s. 2 d.

Note, that Houghton towneship lands in book of rates is but 2 l. 9 s. 4 d., And the persons purchased lands there with the towne is 4 s., who for the same joyne and pay with the towne in all taxes and duties whatsoever. *Houghton towne rate.*

The aforesaid Rates of Lands and Estates in this said parish of Houghton agree with the Records of the Sessions in Durham, as examined the 25th day of March in the yeare of our Saviour 1658, by mee Thomas Delavall, a Justice of the Peace of the said Countye.

Touching the office of churchwardens, &c. 193. *Election of Ch. Wardens.*

The parishioners are by Ord. of Parlt 9 Feb., 1647, to meet yearly on the Monday or Tueisday in Easter weak, and the major part of them must chuse so many Ch. Wardens as formerly has bin, under paine of xl s. to be forfeited by the parish to the use of the poore.

These Ch. Wardens so chosen are within a month after to be allowed under the hands and seales of two of the next Justices of the Peace. *To be allowed.*

These officers with the overseers of the poore, or the major part, upon publique notice given first in the church, are from time to time to make assesments by taxing every parishioner dwelling within the parish, and every occupier of lands, houses, tythes impropriate, or impropriacion of tythes, coleries, or other hereditaments, in such competent sums of money as they think fitt. *For assessments.*

These rates are to be made for raysing money before there be need for repayring the church before it be in decay, for buying of books for the church, providing of bread and wine for the Sacrament, repayring the church yard walls, upholding the bells and steeple, for the Upper Bench, Marshalsy and the like, and for the doing of all other things required by the said ordinance at the charge of the parish, or that doth belong to the office place or duty of a churchwarden. *Rates to what use.*

After the rates are made, it must be put in writing, signed by such as consented to them, and after must be confirmed by the two next Justices. *Rates to be confirmed.*

If any man refuse to pay his rates, the present or subsequent Churchwardens may by warrant under the hands and seales of the two next Justices distreyne for it, and 2 s. 6 d. for the charge of levying the same, and if no distress can be *For refusers of sesses.*

found, then the said Justices is to commit the parties so refusing to the goale, there to ly without baile till they pay their sesse.

Ch. Wardens to account. The Ch. Wardens must within 4 dayes after their yeares ended, and new chosen, give account to their successors and the two next Justices of all moneys by them received or assessed and not received, and of all other things belongs their office, and must pay the money in their hands to the new Ch. wardens, or else they forfet xx s. to the use of the poore, to be levied by warrant under 2 Justices' hands.

For their negligence. If the Ch. wardens be negligent or faulty in the execucion of their office, they forfeit xl s. as aforesaid for every such default or negligence. And if they refuse to accompt as is said, two Justices may commit them to the common goale, there to ly without bayle till they make a true accompt and pay the money in their hands.

A Justice of Peace to see the church repayred. If the Ch. wardens neglect to repaire the church, one Justice next inhabiting may upon informacion examine the decayes, and upon his own veiw or a certificate of the Minister and some of the parish, by a warrant under his hand and seale to the ch. wardens, order and direct what reparacions shalbe made in the church, and limit and appoint a time for doing thereof, which if not observed accordingly, then the said Justice may bind the ch. wardens over to the Sessions for their negligence, when each of them shall be fined xl s. a peace to the use of the poore, and stand committed to goale till the fines be paid.

Monuments of Idolatry. 1643. The Ch. wardens by Ord. of Parl[t] 18 Aug. 1643 are to take care none of things following be in the church. Noe altars or tables of stone; Noe rayles about either; Noe tapers, candlesticks, or basons upon them; Noe images or pictures of the Trinity, Saints, or Supersticious inscripcions; Noe crucifixes nor crosses: The Communion table to stand in the body of the church or chancell, and the chancell ground to be levelled as it was 20 years before this Ordinance. If the Ch. wardens be in default herein, they forfett xl s. to the use of the poore. And the next Justice to cause the premises be done at the parish charge.

Supersticious appurtenances. 1644. By another Ordinance of Parl[t] 9 May 1644, All representacions of the Trinity, Angel, or Saint in churches are to be taken away and defaced; The Chancel ground raysed before altars or tables to be presently levelled; Noe Copes, Surplices,

Supersticious Vestments, Roods or Rood-lofts or Holy water Fonts, to be any more used. All Organs, and the frames or cases wherein they stood in all churches are to be taken away and defaced. This is to be done by the Ch. wardens or Overseers at the parish charge, and the next Justice is to see these things duly performed.

For the better informacion of the Church Officers I have extracted the premises forth of the new Ordinances of Parliament, the 25 day of March 1658. Thomas Delavall.

Ordered the 25th day of March, 1658, Thatt the church- 208 v.
wardens of this parish of Houghton in the Spring, for the time being, shall yearely at their first receipt of this booke, and entry of their office, each of them provide and buy for himselfe a penyworth off cleane writing paper, and put itt in their accounts, to the end they may all be provided and stored with paper upon all occasions and services belonging to their offices, and that hereafter the leaves of this booke be not torne or cutt outt by any on paine of v s. Signed by the gentlemen and fower and twentye.—Thomas Delavall, etc.

Easter Tueisday, 13 Aprill 1658.

The usual lists of parish officers, also, 165 v.

The Gentlemen in Houghton Parish in the yeare 1658.

1. Thomas Delaval of Hetton. 2. Thomas Lambton of Biddick. 3. Henry Smith of West Herrington. 4. Thomas Shadforth of Eppleton. 5. Alexander Amcots of Pencherwood. 6. William Bowes of Biddick. 7. Thomas Lilburne of Offerton. 8. Robert Ayton of West Herrington. 9. Francis Car of Cocken. 10. Francis Middleton of Offerton. 11. Marmaduke Allison of West Renton. 12. Cutchbert Scissons of same. Robert Hutton of Houghton.

The names of the Fower and Twenty elected for this yeare 1658 are—1. Philip Brough of East Renton, etc.

Received of the ould churchwardouns as folloeth, the sume 166.
of 2 l. 18 s. 10 d. September the 9th day, 1658. Att a meeting at Houghton in the Spring the abovesaid day itt was then ordered and agreed upon by the gentle men, &c. &c. . . . that an assesment of three shillings and fower pence per pownd be forthwith leavyed and collected for and toward the necessary repaires of the church att Houghton aforesaid.—Thomas Shadforth, &c. &c.

Att Houghton in le Spring the 13th day of October 1658.

1. Bee it remembred that the said day and yeare, att a meeting of the Gentlemen and 24 with the churchwardens and overseers, it was agreed and ordered as followeth: That Tho. Johnson and Robt Chilton doe take an exact veiw of all the leads about the church, and what Mich. Greene the plumber hath not fully finished according to the agreement made with him afore in this book the 30 March last, either about the leads or fillets thereof, that they take notice of it, and call upon him to finish the same; which if he refuse, Then the churchwardens are out of the xvij s. yet unpaid the said Greene to gett the same well done by other workemen, and to be sued for breach of his condition.

2. It is ordered that the churchwardens doe pay unto the carpenters that new stockt and hung the bells over and beside what they were to have of the former order the 30 of March last, in leiw of hanging all the bells in another fashion then they were formerly, the sume of vj s. viij d.

3. (10 *s. extra to be paid to Cooper the blacksmith.*)

4. Also it is ordered, That Mr Marmaduke Allenson of W. Renton gent. shall have for a pew to belong to him and to his house the 7th pew adjoyning to Mr Car of Cocken's pew in the South Angle of the Church; and for his tenants and servants he shall have the 9th pew adjoyning the South wall of the church; in consideracion of which the said Mr Allenson is to claime no other seats in the said church.

5. Also it is ordered that Mr Tho. Shadforth of Eppleton in the steed of the 14 pew in the North middle row which formerly was appointed for his tenants and servants, That hereafter he shall have for them the 9th pew under the North wall of the church.

6. Also it is ordered that the 13th pew in the North middle row of the church, wherein for many yeares together, and by order of this church, as in this booke appeares, the wives of sundry antient yeomen men of this parish have had their seates, viz. Philip Brough's wife, George Barkas' wife, and others, That they shall still enjoy and keepe the said pew and seates as formerly, notwithstanding any title or claime Mr Robt Ayton maketh to a seat for himselfe in the said pew: for being that he hath already a fayre and large pew in the church for him and his house, we hold it a breach of

good order to admitt him to have another pew, or that either his or any other man's servants of this parish should be seated in this or any other pew with the antient yeomen men's wives or themselves. Yet because Mr Ayton has noe place for his tenants and servants yett set out for them in this church, Wee doe appoint him for that use the 24 pew in the North middle row.

7. And lastly, upon the request and desire of sundry of the parishioners that are farmers, tradesmen, youemen, and others, that either want seates in the church or are inconveniently placed, Wee do give consent that they shall have liberty, at their own proper costs and charges, to erect and build a gallery over the cross North angle twixt the East end of the first pillar, and over the doore goes up to the steeple, provided the same be strongly made of oake wood, and handsomely wrought as other pew work in the church, and noe nusance of hurt to any whose pewes shall happen to be underneath the said gallery.

In confirmacion of the premises we have hereunto put our hands the day and yeare aforewritten.—Thomas Delavall; Thomas Shadforth &c. &c.

Bee it remembred that at a meeting of the foresaid parishishioners the 25 day of Aprill 1659, it was agreed that Mr Henry Lambton of Lambton Esqre have for the seating of himselfe and his tenants in this parish that space of ground on the West side of the North Ile of the church, extending from Mr Amcot's pew Northward to the old seats, being in lenth —— yards, which he is to build as other pewes are at his owne charge.—Thomas Delavall.

Note there are 208 leaves in this booke written and unwritten, numbred 25 Mar. 1648.

RECEITS 1658.—For a sessment of 10 s. a pound, &c. 167.
17 l. 6 s. 5 d. The cesse of 3 s. 4 d. a pound &c. 3 l. 3 s. 6 d. Also rec^d of the old churchwardens last yeare 1657, 2 l. 18 s. 10 d. For lairstalls, 13 s. 4 d.—Soe as the whole sume received as abovesaid by the churchwardens for the yeare 1658 is in all the whole sume of 24 l. 2 s. 1 d. (Note, the Rogue money is all paid to this yeare 1658.) This account was given in by Mr Allenson and Averay Robinson the 4 of Apr. 1659.

Received since that account of Newbottle, part of the cesse of 3 s. 4 d. a pound, 7 s. 4 d.

The totall summ of our receits is, as by these particulers

doth appear, 24 l. 9 s. 5 d. And we have disburst, as it will appear, 24 l. 4 s. 8 d. Soe there remains, 4 s. 9 d.

DISBURSMENTS, 1658.—To William Inglebe for roge mony (for 1656) 3 l. 5 s. 0d. To Michaell Grenn for the leeds 7 l. 3 s. 0 d. To Thomas Brough for the bells 7 l. 6 s. 8 d. etc. *Sum* 24 l. 4 s. 8 d.

This account given in by Mr Allenson and Averay Robinson the 4 Apr. 1659. Seene and allowed by us at Houghton the 25 of Aprill, 1659, before us, Thomas Delavall; Geo. Lilburne.

EASTER TUESDAY THE 5th OF APRILL 1659.

167 v. *Lists of Officers* (168) *Receipt, Apr.* 25, *of Cups etc. as before; no mention of Bible; also in money,* 4 s. 9 d. *A few disbursements and receipts, signed by* Thomas Delavall—May 14, 1660.

EASTER MUNDAY, THE 23rd OF APRILL, 1660.

169. At a meeting at Houghton in the Springe the abovesaid day, it was then ordered and agreed uppon by the gentlemen, four and twenty, and churchwardens of that parish there present that an assesment of tow shillings per pound be forthwith leavyed and collected for and towards the necessary repaires of the church at Houghton aforesayd.—Tho. Lilburne etc.

MAY 14, 1660.—Seen and allowed. Thomas Delavall; Geo. Lilburne.

170 v. AUG. 15th 1660.—Received of Mr Shadford of Eppleton for bread and wine for the Communion 1 s. etc. . . . Sum is 16 s. 1 d. ob. Rec. for lairstalls, 1 l. 3 s. 6 d.

171. AUG. 15th 1660.—Att a meeting att Houghton in the Spring the abovesaid day itt was then ordred etc. . . . that an assessment of three shillings per pound be furthwith leavied etc. . . . for and towards the necessarys and repaires of the church etc. . . . Tho. Lambton, etc. . . . (17 *names.*)

Received of the sesse of three shillings of the pound etc. . . . Sum is 5 l. 2 s. 11 d.

171 v. AUG. 15th 1660.—It is agreed and concluded by the gentlemen and 24 that Jo. Philpott is to be admitted clarke of the parish of Houghton in the Spring, and also by the consent of Docter Barwick, then Rector of Houghton aforesaid, and the churchwardens. In witness whereof we have heerunto sub-

scribed. J. Barwick; Henry Smyth; Thomas Shadforth; Alex. Amcotts; Tho. Lambton.

It is agreed by the gentlemen and 24 that a cesse of x s. the pound be levied etc. . . . and delivered into the hands of the churchwardens betwixt this and Candlemas next, for the repaire of the leades, and other necessaries of the church. Tho. Lambton &c. (6 *names.*)

Sene and allowed by us, Cuth. Pepper; Thomas Shadforth.

Received of the sesse of ten shillings of the pound etc. . . 172.
Sume is 17 l. 5 s. 8 d.

Seene and allowed by us, William Blakiston; Cuth. Pepper; Thomas Shadforth.

A.D. 1660–1.

The names of the new churchwardens for this present yeare 1661. (*Names of churchwardens, overseers, serveyors of highways and the 24, and days appointed for mending the highways, as has been usual in former years.*)

Seen and allowed by us, Will. Blakiston; Thomas Shadforth; Cuth. Pepper.

It is concluded and agreed upon by the gentlemen &c. . . that a cesse of six shillings the pound is to be levied &c. . . . and to be delivered into the hands of the new churchwardens betwixt this and the tenth of May. Thomas Shadforth; Tho. Lambton, &c. . . . (12 *names.*)

It is also agreed upon by the gentlemen and 24, that the 173.
new churchwardens is to pay unto Thomas Rutter (*old churchwarden*) the sume of 2 l. 5 s. 0 d. of the first mony that come into there hands.

Received.—For a cesse of 6 s. the pound &c. . . . Sum is 9 l. 13 s. 1 d. ob. For Mr Smith's layrstall 3 s. 4 d. For bread and wine, 8 s. 8 d. Sum is 12 s.

Received from the hands of the old churchwardens 17 s. 169 v.

Paid (*among other entries*).—To the ringers when newes came that his Majesty was landed, 3 s. 6 d. For washing of the Communion cloth, 4 d. For bringing home wine, 1 s. 6 d. For 10 gallons and half of wine and a quart, 1 l. 1 s. 10 d. For bread for the Comunion, 1 s. For seting up the funt, 6 d. For seaventeene feet of glasse, 8 s. 6 d. For eight dussen of quarries, 8 s. For ringing the 5 of November, 6 s. For ten gallons of wine, 1 l. For carriage of it, 1 s. 4 d. For breade

for the communion, 10 d. (170) To the plummer, 7 l. 16 s. 6 d. For mending the readeing deskes and seting the formes, 9 d. For eighteene gallons of wine, 2 l. 5 s. 0 d. For carriage of it and toule, 2 s. 2 d. For bread for the Comunion, 1 s. 4 d. For washing the Communion table cloath, 4 d. For lead for the church, 8 l. 14 s. 3 d.—Sum is 27 l. 10 s. 6 d.

A.D. 1661-2.

173 v. *Disbursed* (*among other entries*).—For ringing at the coronation, 6 s. For fetching the booke of Homilies, 4 d. For 7 gallons of wine against Whitsonday, and towle, 16 s. For a runlett, 1 s. 2 d. For bringing the wine home, 1 s. 6 d. For washing the table cloath, 4 d. For bread to the Comunion, 10 d. For 2 sirpluses, 1 l. 14 s. 4 d. For our charges then, 2 s. For making the sirpluses, 10 s. For making a little stoole for the pulpitt, 2 s. 2 d. For ringing the 5[th] of November, 6 s. 6 d. For washing the table cloath, 4 d. For wine against Christmas, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. For bringing it home, 1 s. 4 d. For bread to the Comunion, 1 s. To Tho. Rutter, 2 l. 5 s. 0 d. For 17 gallons and a pinte of wine against Easter, 1 l. 17 s. 6 d. For bringing it home, 1 s. 4 d. For bread to the Comunion, 2 s. 2 d. For washing the surpluses and table cloath, 2 s.—The sum is 10 l. 1 s. 0 d.

174. It is concluded and agreed upon by the gentlemen and 24 that James Dobson of Houghton is to continue in his father's plaice as Sexton, and to haive the dues belonging to the plaice as it apeares by an order sett downe in this book: that is 2 d., or bunns, at Christmas, and eggs at Easter, for a grave in the churchyard 2 d., in the church 4 d., in the quire 6 d., and for every cottage a *ob.*

A.D. 1662-3.

174 v. It is concluded and agreed upon by the gentlemen and 24 that a cesse of sixe shillings eightpence the pound is to be levied &c. . . . and delivered into the hands of the churchwardens betwixt this and May day.

208. OCT. 19, 1662.—Collected in our parish church of Houghton in the Spring the sumne of fyve shillings and a farthing for M[r] George Grey, Engleshman, M[r] of the good ship called Katherine, freman in Shedwell dock street in London, haveing his ship cast away in Scotland.

Nov. 2.—Collected for Frederick Lawrence for one breif by a caselltie of fyre in a chanler shop the sum of 6 s. 11 d.

Nov. 16.—Collected for Owen Marsinna with his wyfe and children and others inhabitans in the Ile of Clumbane till the 28th of March: till the were plundred by certon pyrats. Our collection is six shillings and tow pence.

Dec. 25.—Given to Mr Martin for a collection which was gathered in our parish church and to be paid to Robert Midraff; the sum is 3 s. 3 d. 1662 for building a church at Tinmoth.

Jan. 18, 1662-3.—A collection for Mrs Elizabet Nelson, late wife of GeorgNelson, and Mrs Mary Flower, the wyfe of Mr Thomas Flowr, minister, and Pricilla Newman, wyfe to Francis Newman, inhabited in the Ile of Philleter, the summ of 4 s. 6 d. 1 ob.

Receipts.—The totall sum (*viz. the two cesses and lairstalls*) 174 v.
is 22 l. 3 s. 9 d. *The disbursments* 22 l. 4 s. 3 d.

Mem.—There is deducted out of the totall of the receipts 16 s., which was paid for bread and wine. Soe the remainder is 3 s. 6 d.

Disbursments (*among others*, 1662-3).—For wyne against 175.
Whitsunday, 16 s. To Thomas Burton for fetching it, 1 s. 4 d. And our charges, 1 s. For a paire of banns and a clasp to the clark's staile dore, 8 d. For ringing the 29 of May, 6 s. 6 d. For mending the church yeard hedg, 1 s. For charges at Durham at the Bishop's visitation for the booke of articles and our appearens both old and the new churchwardans, 1 l. 0 s. 4 d. For the writing of our presentment and our charges, 2 s. For 15 dusson of quarres per 10 d. a dusson, and simmoning and banding old glasse, 15 s. 6 d. To Duke Farrow for serving the glasner, and putting and taiking the rubbish growing about the church, 2 s. 6 d. For a beir, and the bringing of it to the church, 10 s. 6 d. For a new service booke, 6 s. 10 d. For a booke of cannons, 1 s. (175 v.) To the plummer for 58 pound and ½ of sowder per 12 d., 2 l. 18 s. 6 d. And for fyve daies worke per 8 s. on the day, 2 l. To the plummer in drink when he tooke the worke and finisht, 1 s. 7 d. To Joh. Hoope for mending the desk, 8 d.; in part of paiment for mending the clock, 1 l. More given to John Hoope for the clocke, 2 l. 6 s. 8 d.; for ringing the fift of November, 6 s. 6 d. At the Archdeakon visitation in feas and charges, 13 s. 4 d. To Joh. Hoope for his halfe year's waiges for his keaping and uphoulding the clocke, 10 s. For the exchange of an old pot into a plate for communicans, 1 s. 2 d. For five gallons and 3 pints of wyne and (*sic*) Chrisimes, 13 s. 4 d. Our charges and

bringing it home, 2 s. 4 d. For a table cloth to the Comunion table, 1 l. 1 s. 0 d. For 3½ yeards of frenes to it, 4 s. 8 d. And for setting the frengs on it, 4 d. And for going to buy it at Newcastell, 1 s. For the washing the sirpcloths and tablecloth at Easter, 2 s. For 14 gallons of wyne per 2 s. 4 d. a gallon, 1 l. 12 s. 3 d. For the bringing of it home, 1 s. 10 d. And for our charge for going, 2 s. For bread to the communicans at Easter, 1 s. 6 d. For writing our presentment.

176. APRILL 21, 1663.—It is concluded &c. that a cesse of vj s. viij the pound be levied &c. betwixt this and Sunday next. Thomas Shadforth &c. &c.

176 v. An Inventorie of all the movable goods now remaining and belonging to the parish church of Houghton in the Spring, as the same was given in the 7th of May, 1663, by the churchwardens of the said parish.

In the custodie of the churchwardens: First, 2 large chalices or cups of silver, with 2 covers of silver to them; 2 large puder flagons; 1 lesser puder flagon; 1 puder plate for bread; 1 runlett for wine; 2 sirpluses; a new carpitt cloath for the table; a whit damask cloath for the communion table; a large Church Bible in folio, bought in 1630; a communion table; 2 new service books of the last edition; another booke for the clarke; a booke of homilies; a booke of cannons; 10 firdale formes; a large arke of oke; a large cubbord in the vestrie with 2 doores; a great iron striking clock; a table of the 10 comandements of God.

In the custodie of the parish clarke: An old parchment Register booke, comencing the yeare 1563; another new parchment Register booke, comencing the yeare 1653.

In the custodie of the sexton: A large iron hack; a shovell; a spade.

It is concluded and agreed upon &c. . . . that a cesse of x s. the pound is to be levied &c. . . . betwixt this and Sunday come senitt.

208. MAY THE 10th, 1663.—A collection for the towne of Hexam, the sume of 12 s. 8 d., and delivered to Mr Edward Ourd of Pipewell-gate in Gaitside.

JULY THE 5th.—A collection for Tho. Atley and Geo. Marly of Chapell neare Ryton, the sume of 6 s. 7 d.

(*An illegible entry.*)

AUGUST THE 30th.—Collected in our parish church of Houghton the sume of 8 s. 8 d. for a breefe of Jo. Millers.

Collected in our parish of Houghton the first Wedensday in October being the fourth day of the saide moneth the sum of sixteene shillings and eleven pence, which is for the mentenance of the infected people of this county.

A.D. 1663. *Disbursements.*—For hedging the churchyard, 177.
1 s. To the ringers on the 29 of May, 7 s. For 5 gallons and a quart of wine at Whitsunday, 13 s. 1 d. To John Hooper in earnest for the scoller loft, 1 s. To the washer of the church in earnest, 1 s.; in beere, 4 d. To the masons about the scoller loft, 3 s. For our charges at the Archdeacon's visitation and the booke of articles, 11 s. 10 d. For washing the pewes, 4 s. 6 d. For our charges againe at the Archdeacon's visitation, 10 s. For washing the church and writing the sentences, 3 l. (177 v.) For six gallons and a half of wine at St Look's day, 16 s. 3 d. To the ringers the 5 of November, 7 s. For wine at Christmas, 16 s. 3 d. For mending the commandements, 3 s. To John Hooper for the scollerloft and funt covering, 6 l. 6 s. 8 d. For writting our presentment the 23rd of January, 6 d. (178). The price of the belstrings, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. In earnest for the king's armes and commandements, 1 s.—The price of them, 3 l. For the smith's workmanshipe about the bells and the king's armes, 5 s. For helpe in setting them up, 2 s. 6 d. For wine against Easter, 16 gallons and a half, at 2 s. 8 d. the gallon, 2 l. 4 s. 0 d. To John Hooper for making a frame for the king's armes, 10 s.—The summe is 36 l. 17 s. 10 d.

A.D. 1664.

Disbursements.—For wine against Whitsuntide, 1 l. 0 s. 8 d. 181 v.
At the Archdeacon's court, our charges, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. For setting up the commandments, j d. Paid in the Archdeacon's court, 9 s. Our owne charges that day, 9 s. For writing our presentments, 1 s. For wine against St Lukesmasse, 16 s. (182) For a tippet for our minister, 1 l. 10 s. 0d. For wine against Christenmasse, 1 l. 13 s. 9 d. For a desk to the pulpitt, 4 s. For 18½ gallon of wine against Easter, 2 l. 6 s. 3 d. More 9 quarts of Mrs Mason att 10 d. the quart, 7 s. 6 d. (182 v.). For bringing home the King's booke, 8 d. Two times for wine to Sunderland, 2 s. 8 d.

Disburst for the use of the church, 35 l. 15 s. 11 d. Disburst more than received, 3 l. 6 s. 10 d. Coken in arreare for sixty foure, 1 l. 9 s. 8 d.

A.D. 1665.

183 v. *Assessments.*—Ap. 5, of 10 shillings in the pound, to be levied before the 14th instant (184). May 21, of the same to be levied immediately. Oct. 4, of 20 shillings in the pound to be levied forthwith. Feby. 11, of the same, to be presently levied.

Disbursments.—To the ringers when the Bishop came, 2 s. For fees at the Bishop's visitation, 10 s. 6 d. For ringing the 29th day of May, 7 s. For ringing when newes came from the fleet, 1 s. For four woodbins to the winddows, 4 d. (186) To the ringers the 4th of July, 3 s. For writing warrants to give notice of the infection, 4 s. For the frame of the table of marriages, 1 s. To a distressed merchant of Jerminie, 2 s. For the King's workes in folio, 1 l. 13 s. 0 d. For drinke when the organs came home ——. For the Letany deske, 6 s. For walling about the organ loft, 2 s. For drinke when the organ was setting up, 1 s. To the workemen in drinke when they had set up the organ, 2 s. (186 v.) For a dozen pare of bands for the pewes doores, 10 s. 6 d. To John Wild for sleepers, 1 l. Paid to the workemen in part for the pewes, 6 l. To Thomas Hoop in part for nailes, 1 l. For halph a hundreth deales, 3 l. For a pound of butter for the bells, 4 d. To George Croyser for maimed souldiers and mariners, 5 l. 12 s. 8 d. To George Croyser for the rogue money, 3 l. 5 s. 8 d. To Thomas Collier in part for flagging the church, 6 l. 2 s. 6 d. For halph a hundreth yeards of railes, 14 s. 6 d. For snecks to the pew doores, 3 s. To George Palmer the organist for halfe a yeare untill Lady Day, 2 l. 10 s. 0 d. To Widow Brough for sleepers, 1 l. 5 s. 8 d. To Thomas Brough for bringing deales from Wearmouth, 7 s. (187). For bringing two loads of deales from Lampton, 9 s. To John Hope for workeing at the pewes in full, 3 l. 13 s. 9 d. To Thomas Drover for workeing at the pewes in full, 2 l. 9s. 6d. To Anthonie Young for workeing at the pewes in full, 3 l. 4 s. 0d. To John Hope for a cover for the reading pew, 6 s. For a crackett for the reading pew, 1 s. For colouring the seats in full, 2 l. 5 s. 0 d. Payde to Mr Morland for takeing of the fine about Newbottle bridge, 2 l.

Totall of the foregoing disbursements, 88 l. 6 s. 0 d. Geo. Davenport, Rector; Thomas Shadforth &c. &c.

(N.B.—*Communions at Whitsuntide, Christmas, Easter, and between Whitsuntide and Christmas.*)

APRIL 17, 1666. 188.

	£	s.	d.
The whole charge of the foure assesments layde on by the gentlemen and 24, viz. two of 10 s. per lb. and two of 20 s. per lb. according to the new booke of rates amounteth to . .	104	0	4½
Received of Renton Coylierie for the first three sesses	0	16	0
It. of Pompe closes for the three sesses of 10 s. per lb., being in arreare when wee entred .	0	15	9
Likewise part of the Bridge sesse of West Rainton, Moore house, Renton Coylierie, and Moorsley	5	7	8
For 4 lairstalls	0	11	8
Sum of the charge of receipts .	£111	11	5½

Geo. Davenport, Rector.
Thomas Shadforth &c. &c.

AP. 17, 1666.—Geo. Palmer to be organist for the year, and to have 25 s. the quarter from the churchwardens.—Geo. Davenport, Rector &c. &c. 188 v.

Ap. 17, 1666.—Agreed &c. . . . an assessment of ten shillings in the pound &c.—Geo. Davenport, Rector; Thomas Shadforth &c. &c. 195.

Robert Chilton }
Thomas Brough } Ædiles.

OCT. 28, 1666.—Agreed, &c. . . . an assesment of ten shillings in the pound &c. Geo. Davenport, Rector.

A.D. 1666.—*Disbursements.*—To Anthonie Young for a crackett at the font, 2 s. For Jewell's works, 1 l. To M[r] Dobson, for a booke to register the names of ministers, 1 s. For the commission for the pewes, 6 s. 8 d. To M[r] Davenport upon John Brignell's account for deales, 10 l. For writeing a copy of the burialls, weddings and christnings for the Bpp.'s register, 4 s. For ringing when newes came from the fleet, 1 s. 6 d. To the organist for a quarter, 1 l. 5 s. To Thomas Collier for flagging the church in part, 5 l. 12 s. 6 d. For five gallons of wine at Whitsontide and the moneth before, 17 s. For a gallon of wine, 3 s. 4 d. For our charges and fees at the Archdeacon court, 8 s. 2 d. (195 v.) For charges at the perambulation, 1 s. To Marmeduke Farrow for carrying mettall out of the church, 1 s. For measuering the church, 187 v.

1 s. 6 d. To Thomas Brough for leading flags, 7 s. For six gallons of wine for six moneths, 1 l. 4 s. 0 d. For eighteene quarts of wine at Christmas, 18 s. For bringing wine against Easter thre times, 3 s. 2 d. To John Hope for the vesturie loft in part, 1 l. 8 s. 9½ d. (194) To John Brignell for halph a hundreth deales in part, 2 l. 1 s. 6 d. To Mr Crosby for takeing of the fines of the high wayes, 2 l.—The totall sume is 48 l. 12 s. 3½ d.

APRILL THE 9th, 1666.—The whole charge of the two assesments of ten shillings per £ is 34 l. 13 s. 5½ d. Margaret Watson for thre layre stalls, 8 s. 4 d. Mrs Smith's layre stall, 3 s. 4 d. The arreares of the last yeare, 23 l. 5 s. 0 d. The totall of the charge for the yeare 1666 with the arreare of the yeare 1665 is 58 l. 10 s. 1½ d.

A.D. 1667.

An Inventorie of all the moveable goods now remaineing and belonging to the Parish church of Houghton in the Spring as the same was given in the 10th of Aprill 1667 by the churchwardens.

In the custodie of Mr Dobson (*Curate*).

Two bookes of Jewell and Harding. Two Register bookes. Erasmus Paraphrase. A booke of Homilies. The King's works in folio. A booke of Cannons. A booke for registering the names of strange ministers.

In the custodie of the Churchwardens.

Two Chalices or cups of silver with two covers of silver to them. Two large pewder flagons. One lesser pewder flagon. One pewder plate for bread. Two Runlets for wine. Two surplices. A carpett of cloath for the table. A Cushing for the pulpitt. A white Damaske cloath for the table. A large Church Bible in folio, printed 1630. A Communion Table. Two Service bookes of the last edition. One for the clerke. Ten firdale formes. A large Arke of oake. A large cubbord in the vestrie. A great Iron clocke. A table of the 10 Commandements. The King's Armes. The Table of Marrages. A Letany deske.

In the custodie of the Sexton.—A hacke. A spade. A shovell.

196. APRILL 14, 1667.—It is agreed, &c. . . . a sesment of 10 s. per £ . . . &c. Robert Rutter, Churchw. &c.

JUN. 23, 1667.—It is agreed by the Rector, Churchwardens,

gentlemen and 24 of the parish that upon Maumaduke Farran's releasing of his place of sexton, Thomas Jackson shall succeed him in it. Geo. Davenport, Rector; Robert Rutter &c.

All Saints Day, 1667.—It is agreed by the Rector &c. . . . that an assessment of 10 s. in the pound &c. Geo. Davenport, Rector &c.

Jan. 30, 1667–8.—An assessment of 10 s. in the pound. 196 v.

The charge of our three assessments at 10 per pound amounts to 52 l. 0 s. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d.

Disbursments, 1667.—Paid at the Archdeacon's court for fees and our charges, 1 l. 5 s. 10 d. Paid for charges at rideing the perambulation, 7 s. For a locke for the organ loft dore, 6 d. Payd to the organist for one whole yeare, 5 l. To Mr Groves for 4 gallons of wine at Wisontyde, 16 s. Charges when it was bought, 2 s. For bread and bringing home the wine, 1 s. 3 d. Payd to Thomas Colyer, 11 l. 0 s. 9 d. To Tho. Cooper for makeinge bands and other things for the pews, 6 s. 2 d. To Duke Farrowe for carrying mettle out of the church, 2 d. For six quarts of wine for a monthly communion, 6 s. For bringing home the wine and bread for the communion, 9 d. To James Dobson for walling in the vestry loft, 8 d. To John Hope for a stay to the vestry loft, 8 d. To Mr Groves for six quarts of wine for a monthly communion, 16 s. For bread and for bringing home the wine, 8 d. (197 v.) To the baliffe for his fees at the sute of Will Turbed, 3 s. 6 d. To Mr Groves for six quarts of wine, 6 s. For bringing home the wine and bread for the communion, 9 d. For drawing upp the great bell and mending her irons, 7 s. 6 d. To a man for carrying Will Turbed his money, 7 d. For bringing home six quarts of wine, 6 d. For fees and our charges at the Archdeacon's court, 10 s. For bringing home six quarts of wine, 1 s. 4 d. For our charges when it was bought, 1 s. 4 d. For fower traces for tabs to the bells, 1 s. 4 d. For a runlet for the church use, 1 s. For removeing the font, 2 s. For bringing 4 gallons of wine and 3 quarts against Chrismas, 1 s. 8 d. To the organist for mending the organs tow years at 2 s. and 6 d. a quarter, 1 l. For rubbing the pulpit and reading deske, 1 s. For our charges at the Sessions, 4 s. For setting the

(1) This year and afterwards there were monthly Communions, in addition to those at the great festivals.

watter away from the church style, 2 d. To Raphe Smith for rogue money, 3 l. 5 s. 0 d. To Tho. Cooper for makeing tow yard of band for the pews, 1 s. 4 d. For bread and bringing home a gallon of wine, 8 d. For breife, 5 s. To Mr Shadforth
(198). in lewe of arles that he gave to Tho. Colyer, 2 s. 6 d. To Tho. Cooper for makeing a keeper for Mr Lambton's pew dore, 2 d. To Tho. Chilton and John Wilde for carrying a woman to the ferry-bote, 2 s. For a gallon of wine, and bread, and bringing home the wine, 8 d. For bringing home 5 gallons of wine against Palme Sunday, 1 s. 6 d. For bringing home 13 gallons and a halfe of wine, 2 s. For my charges when it was bought, 1 s. 6 d. To Mr Groves for wine which wee had from him at sundry tymes, 7 l. 7 s. 0 d. For bread for the communion against Easter, 1 s. 8 d. To John Hope for mending the steps in the organ loft and a plugge for the font 8 d. For bringing home tow gallons of wine, 8 d. For wryting our presentment and accounts, and for goeing about the parish businesse divers tymes, 5 s.

The sum of our receits is 57 l. 12 s. 0½ d. The whole sume of our disbursements is 48 l. 19 s. 6 d. So there rests in our hands with part of the last sesse of 10 shillings per pound not collected, 8 l. 12 s. 6 d.

Since payd to Raph Smith, 4 l. 16 s. 2 d. Payd to Mr Groves, 1 l. 1 s. 2 d. Payd to the glasners, 17 s. 6 d. Payd to Mr Crosby, 1 l. 7 s. 3 d. Payd to Tho. Jackson, 1 s.—*Totall*, 8 l. 9 s. 5 d.

Remains due from the churchwardens, 9 s. 5 d.

This accompt seen and allowed, May 11, 1668. Geo. Davenport, Rector.

A.D. 1668-9.

199. Agreed on May 11th an assessment of 10 s. in the pound; Oct. 4th, the same; Nov. 5, that the Church clock be forthwith repaired.

200. DISBURSEMENTS.—In charges at the perambulation, 2 s.; carrying of mettall and removing old wood in the church, 10 d.; to the ringers, May 29, 7 s.; at the monthley meting, 1 s.; mending the hedg belonging the church, 1s.; ledther to the bell tonges, 1 s.; at our monthley meting and for paper, 1 s. 9 d.; to John Hope for the funt cover, 4 l. 10 s.; when us mett the churchwardons of Pittinton parish, 4 d.; for a spaed shelm for

the saxton, 6 d.; to the saxton for bromes and rubbing the pulpit, 1 s.

	£	s.	d.
Receipts for assessments and lairstalls .	35	10	1½
Disbursements	35	5	8
Paid out . . .		4	5½
Delivered over . .		2	6½
		1	11

A.D. 1669–70.

Assessments of 10 s. Apr. 13 and Oct. 3; (203) of 5 s. on St Matthias' Day. 202.

DISBURSEMENTS.—For wine and sacke against the Ar- 203 v.
deacon's visitation, 13 s.; for tow men that came from Durham to se the clocke in beare, 1 s.; perambulation, 9 s. 6 d.; (204) to the clocke smith in beere at tow tymes, 8 d.; for a locke and key to the clocke house, 1 s.; for pulling up the weeds in the church yeard, 4 d.; ringing Nov. 5, 7 d.; for makeing tow natts for the church use, 4 d.; to John Hope for makeing tow pluggs for the bell ropes, 2 s.; (204 v.) for mending the Communion table, 2 s. 6 d.

Receipts (203) 44 l. 5 s. 4½ d.

(*Distributions of Belasyse's, Carr's, and Frankland's doles*, 202, 202 *v. Monthly Communions continue. Also monthly parish meetings.*)

A.D. 1670–71.

Assessments of 10 *s. Apr.* 5, 5 *s. May* 5, *and* 10 *s. Sept.* 4. 206.
No further statements, fo. 206 *v. being blank, and* 207 *lost. The contents of the last leaf,* 208, *are given above, under dates.*

VOL. II. 1671–1704.

THIS volume is similar in size and character to the former one, and contains 160 leaves. It cost 3 s. 6 d. April 25, 1671 (1 v.). Being in a very poor binding, and coming to pieces, it has been rebound uniformly with the earlier book. Only those entries which seem specially remarkable are here given.

1670–71.

2* v. At the perambulation[1] 5 s. 3 d.; makeing the church hedg, 1 s.; for a chamber pott for the vestry, 3 s.; (3) for spliceinge ropes, 4 d.; for mendinge the church runlets, 6 d.; (4) for a stone bottle for the church use, 1 s.; payd out of the parish sesse for a brasse halfe crowne which came in Mr Hilson's dole, 2 s. 6 d.; (*wine for Christmas* 6 *galls. Easter* 16½ *galls. beside monthly communions.*)

Disbursements, including 1 s. 10 d. *in arrear*, 45 l. 10 s. 2 d.; *receipts*, 45 l. 17 s. 9 d.

5 v. Apr. 25, 1671.—*Order that the great bell be new cast and the bell frames repaired at the charge of the parish.*

7–10. *The Collection for the Redemption of the Christians who are captive in Turkey. Lists of subscribers under the various townships, the first beginning* 'Mr Davenport, 10 s.' *Left unfinished; what is put down amounts to* 5 l. 19 s. 10 d.

1671–2.

12 Charges at collecting the Turkey briefe, 3 s.; plaistering the organ loft, 5 s.; to Paul Lever for ingrossing[2] the Turky Collection, 2 s. 6 d.; for 65 pounds of solder at 12 d. per pound, 3 l. 5 s. (13) Attendance at the Lady Bellassis Buriall, two of us, 1 s.; sexton's clock-wages one quarter, 4s.; (14) two roundlets for the church, 2 s. 4 d.

Disbursements, 39 l. 2 s. 2 d.; *Receipts*, 37 l. 3 s. 5½ d.

1672–3.

16. Given to the organist in drink, 6 d.; for laying downe layer-stalls, 5 s.; (17) for splashing (*splicing*) the bell-ropes, 4 d.; for putting on the pointer of the clocke, 6 d.; for the communion on New-yeares day, 6 d.

Disb. 35 l. 15 s. 6½ d. *Rec.* 35 l. 13 s. 5½ d.

1673–4.

21. To George Palmer for tuneing and playing of the Organs, 2 l.

Disb. 31 l. 4 s. 11 d. *Rec.* 31 l. 10 s. 0 d.

(1) Occurs yearly, with varying charges.

(2) This probably refers to the entering of the lists in this book. This is done in a good ordinary hand.

1674–5.

To John Hope for tuneing the organ and for his sonne 26.
Robert's playing on it, 1 l. 10 s.; given to the helpe of Alice Foster's buriall, 4 s.; (*others* 2 s. *and* 3 s.) for makeing a poor man's grave, 4 d.; for thirteene yeards of new rope for bell tabbs, 4 s. 6 d.; (29) for bussomes and rubbing the pulputt, 1 s.

Disb. 35 l. 3 s. 2 d. *Rec.* 32 l. 14 s. 9 d.

1675–6.

To bury Wm Thompson of Newbottle, 2 s. 6 d. 30.

Disb. 47 l. 5 s. 1 d. Rec. 53 l. 3 s. 5½ d.

1676–7.

Orders for assessment of 20 s. *in the pound, only for new* 32.
casting of great bell and making new bell-frames (*May* 28 *and Aug.* 27.)

When we agreed with the bellfounder about the bells, 5 s.; in earnest, 1 l.; going to Lumley Park about wood, 1 s.; three tun and halfe a foote of timber, 6 l. 5 s. 6 d.; charges when wee bought it, 2 s. 6 d.; getting the wood over the water, 5 s. 6 d.; porters for helping to load it, 2 s. 6 d.; boards for the bell wheales, 18 s. 8 d.; to the bellfounder for casting the great bell, 40 l.; for writeing the bellfounder's bond, 2 s. 6 d.; our charges when wee paid him his money, 4 s. 6 d. (36) for 13 foote and some more of timber for the steple [1] 15 s. 2 d.; for 40 dales att 10 d. a piece, 1 l. 13 s. 4 d.; in drink when the great bell was cast, 5 s. 6 d.; when the great bell was taken downe our charges was, 2 s. 6 d.; for ashe wood for rowlers, 4 s.; for soape for the rowlers, 6 d.; for leather for the bells, 1 s. 10 d.; when all the bells was hung, 2 s. 6 d.; charges at the first ringing and exercizeing the two new bells, 3 s.; (36) for carring a letter to Farr Weermouth, 6 d.; to John Langshaw (plumber) for rinning the brasses for all the bells, 2 l. 1 s.

Disb. 122 l. 18 s. 0½ d. Rec. 116 l. 11 s. 1 d.

1677–8.

Book signed by John Alcock, *curate.*

Disb. and arrears, 52 l. 6 s. *Rec.* 52 l. 6 s. 1 d.

(1) Probably the small spire of timber and lead shewn in old views.

1678–9.

44. To John Fairelasse for watching Mathew Grey, 6 d.; to Henry Pickering for the same, 6 d.; for their charges when they watched him, 1 s.

Disb. 48 l. 5 s. 1 d.; *Rec.* 52 l. 14 s. 9½ d.

1679–80.

46 v. Mem. of Act of Parliament to assess landlords bringing persons likely to prove chargeable to the parish.

47. Spent at Mr Clarkes when I choosed the wine first, 1 s. 6 d.; (48) for a sheete for a poore man that died in Houghton, 3 s. 4 d.; [drinke to the bearers of him to church, 1 s. *erased*]; mendinge schollar loft (*etc.*) 14 s.; a gallon of wine I forgot when I was sick, 4 s.

1680–1.

50. For riding about the parish with a breif, 2 s.; for carrying the briefe money to Durham, 1 s.

1681–2.

56. Spent when the king's arms were set up, 4 s. 9 d.; to the carver for the king's arms, 6 l. 10 s.

1682–3.

2 v. Mem. that Mrs Sarah Wiltshire, sister to Madam Bagshaw the wife of the Rev. Dr Henry Bagshaw gave for the use of the Communion one fair damask linen cloth and a damask napkin. Witnesse, John Alcock, Curate.

60 *A collection for the distressed French Protestants fled out of France into England.* Lists as above. *Total collected, mostly in pence*, 6 l. 5 s.

61. John Foxe in part for the Commaundements, 2 l. 0 s. 6 d.; mending the great bell gudgeon, 2 s.; (61 v.) spent about collecting the French Protestants' briefe, 2 s. 8 d.; for a new Common Prayer booke, 13 s.; for bringing it from New Castle, 6 d. (63) to Mr Alcock for writeing a coppy of the contributers to St Albans Church, and paying it in att Durham, 1 s.

1683–4.

66. For the wood for the new stalls, 1 l. to Mr Wiggener for a hundred dales, 4 l. 15 s.; for bringing 20 bottles of wine

from Durham, 1 s. 6 d.; for a new ladder and oak for runggs, 9 s.; to the wrights in drink when they began the Vestery, and helping up with the tymber, 4 s. (67) To John Wilde (*and others, for many days' work*); for goeing to Sunderland about a jeast, 1 s. 6 d.; for six bunches of reeds and bringing them, 4 s.; for eight bushells of haire and bringing it home, 5 s.; for 100 latts and 400 tacketts, 2 s. 6 d.; for two load of lime and leading it, 5 s.; to the plummer for work and solder, 2 l. 8 s. 6 d.; to the wallers for work and plastering, 1 l. 2 s.

1684–5.

Paide for sendinge home theire bottles, 8 d.; to Tho. Dob- 7
son for mendinge the passage into the vestry, 9 s.; (70 v.) paide Mr Alcock for a quart of wine got of the Doctor, 1 s.; for 10 gall. of wine against Palme Sunday, 2 l.; for scouringe the challices, flaggons, and charger, 4 s.; (71) to two Turky slaves given, 6 d.; for the vestry chimney and arreares, 5 s.; for a swill[1] to carry lime for the church, 3 d.

1685–6.

Spent when wee vieued the leads and bargained with the 7
lymner for colouring the vestury and pewes, 3 s. 10 d.; for the vestury chimney (*sweeping?*)[2] Lady Day, 1 s.; to the lymner (*as above*) 1 l. 10 s.; to the ringers when newes came the rebels were defeated, 3 s.; more upon the day of thanksgiving for victory[3] 8 s.; (73 v.) *expenses for Rainton bridge*; (74) for walling a part of the church yeard hedge, 10 s. 5 d.; for landring and scoureing, etc., 10 s.

1686–7.

For three bowls of hair, 3 s. 6 d.; for straw and wattles for 76.
Humble's house, 6 s. 6 d.

1687–8.

Given to two distressed trawlers (*travellers?*), 6 d. 81.

(1) A round basket: see Brockett.
(2) The same occurs repeatedly.
(3) See p. 208, *note* (1), and p. 253.

1688–9.

83 v. To the ringers for ringing for the young Prince,[1] 3 s. 6 d.; (84) at Ral. Robinson's drunk for joy of the young prince, 7 s. 6 d.; to the ringers for joy, *etc.*, 8 s.; to the ringers in drink for the young prince, 1 s.; for a book of articles and proclamation of the queen being with child, 6 s. 6 d.; expences about the sute of Pittington,[2] 8 s. 4 d.; (84 v.) for coales to a bone fire rejoyceing for the young prince, 10 d.; (85) to John Dods for keeping the innocent boy, 1 l.

1689–90.

89 v. Spent when we gathered the first breaf for the Irish protestants, 9 s. (90 v.) the second, 4 s. 9 d.

1690–91.

93. For a coffin for a poor man, 5 s. 6 d. (94) to the ringers when the king came from Ireland, 8 s.

1691–2.

99. When the news came from Ireland, 5 s.; (99 v.) when Limrick was yealded, 2 s. (100 v.) for a spade shell and a sacke of coales, 1 s. 6 d.

(1) See p. 208, *note* (2).

(2) Several entries relating to the same suit in this and the following year. It related to the question whether certain lands and tenements (leasehold under the Dean and Chapter), called 'Rainton Low Pitt-houses' and 'Fenkala-banks,' were in the parish of Houghton or of Pittington, and hence which of the two parishes was liable for the maintenance of the poor therein. The lands had formerly been part of Rainton Moor (enclosed some fifty or sixty years previously), which was acknowledged to have been in the parish of Houghton; and they of Pittington contended that 'soe once, must be now.' The other party alleged that the lands in question had been assigned to Pittington as an equivalent for its rights of common on the moor. In January, 1688, the Quarter Sessions, having referred the matter to the arbitration of Dean Sudbury, confirmed his award, which was in favour of Pittington; but in July of the same year discharged the former order, and declared the lands to be in Pittington parish. In July, 1689, the parishioners of Houghton had occasion to bring the question again before the Quarter Sessions, and it seems to have gone on without final determination till July, 1691, when they of Pittington prayed for a trial at law, which was ordered by the Court. Accordingly the case was heard before Baron Turton at the Assizes in August, 1691, when the verdict was in favour of the parish of Pittington. The above account is taken from a contemporary paper, preserved in Pittington Vicarage.

1692–3.

Paid for severall parsons which came in for wittnesses about Michell Watson's bastard, 6 s. 6 d.; for corks and carrying a runlit to Durham, 10 d.; to the ringers for the victory against the French fleet, 5 s. 107.

1693–4.

For laying down Ralph Robinson's child's grave stone,[1] 1 s.; (113 v.) for new binding the King's book and bringing it home, 5 s. 8 d. 113.

1694–5.

(*A bell taken down twice, carried to Durham once, and got up into the steeple twice* (119) *Coffins for various persons*; to Ann Bell of Ufferton to buy a plaister, 5 s. 118.

1695–6.

For a furdale, 1 s. 8 d.; (124 v.) for repairing Newbottle Bridge, 1 s.; (*payments to various persons to bury relations.*) 123

1696–7.

For a spade shelm, 8 d.; (130) paid for Mr Weddell's hood, 14 s. 3 d. 129.

1697–8.

For setting up barrs and hudstones in the vestery, 6 d.; for the barrs and hudstones, 10 s. 6 d. 135.

1698–9.

For bread at a private communion, 1 d.; (137 v.) for 12 glass bottles for the church, 3 s.; for hair for filliting the leads, 2 s.; for lime for filliting the leads, 2 s. 8 d.; to the masons for putting in the fillitting of lead, 3 s. 7 d. (138) to Ralph Hope for makeing Hetton steps and other charges thereunto belonging, 1 l. 13 s.; for a lair stall laying down, 1 s.; for scouring the church plate and pewter, 2 s. 6 d. 137.

1699–700.

Att the perambulation 17 s. 2 d.; (141 v.) given to the ringers when the king came home, 7 s. ('lare stales' and 'lare stones,' 'a fulmer's head,' etc.) 140.

(1) Other entries for laying down 'grave-stones.

In 1700–1 we find a different scribe writing 'gravestone'; in 1702-3, 'spent upon the Queen's Coronation day at the bone fire, 1 s.'; 'lare stalls;' in 1703–4, 'a pate head,' 'lare stales,' 'fulmer heads'; in 1704–5, 'folmert heads.' The perambulation is not mentioned after 1703.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

Proceedings at a Synod of the Clergy, as appointed by Bishop Barnes.
('Liber Sinodalium.' See p. 16, note (3).)

Die Martis, videlicet xxviij die mensis Aprilis Anno Domini 1584, loco consueto infra Galleleam Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Dunelmensis, inter horas nonam et undecimam ante meridiem ejusdem diei, coram venerabili viro Magistro Clement Colemore, Legum Doctore, &c., Officiali &c., in presentia mei Thomæ Chaytor, notarii publici &c.

Quibus die horis et loco prefatus venerabilis vir, post finitam concionem more solito consuetam et ab antiquo usitatam, mandavit totum clerum totius dioceseos Dunelmensis preconizari; quo preconizato, idem venerabilis vir, facta primitus eidem clero de natura Synodi declaracione et expositione, ac quoad mores doctrinam religionis sinceritatem virtutumque incrementum exhortatione, habitoque etiam cum eodem clero colloquio de et super rebus necessariis, inquam synodalibus, mandavit quatenus moniciones synodales (*illegible*) perlegerentur; quibus sic publice perlectis, idem venerabilis vir mandavit eundem clerum monicionibus ejusmodi synodalibus obtemperare atque in omnibus obedientes fore sub pœnis et censuris in illis contentis, et detectiones quascunque contra tenorem hujusmodi monicionum synodalium perpetratas ante recessum suum ab hac Civitate Dunelm. presentare. Necnon idem venerabilis vir omnes ex eodem clero preconizatos et nullo modo comparentes pronunciavit contumaces, et in pœnam contumaciarum suarum hujusmodi ipsos et eorum quemlibet sententia excommunicationis minoris perculit in scriptis, et pro sic excommunicatis tam in Ecclesia Cathedrali Dunelm. quam in aliis ecclesiis parochialibus et capellis quibuscunque infra diocesim Dunelm. denunciandos fore decrevit, prout plenius patet per schedulam inde in scriptis lectam.

Die Martis, videlicet sexto die mensis Octobris, Anno Domini 1584, loco consistoriali infra Galeleam ecclesiæ Cathedralis Dunelm,

inter horas nonam et undecimam ante meridiem ejusdem diei, coram discreto viro Magistro Radulpho Tunstall, clerico, sacræ theologiæ Baccalaureo, deputato atque surrogato venerabilis viri Magistri Clementis Colemore, legum doctoris &c., Officialis &c., in presentia mei Thomæ Chaytor. Quibus die horis et loco prefat., &c. &c.

APPENDIX B.

Extract from the Act-books of the Consistory Court and of the Court of the Officialty of the Dean and Chapter, illustrative of the exercise of ecclesiastical discipline in the parishes of Pittington and St Oswald's, Durham.

I. Appointment of Robert Prentice, Minor Canon of Durham, as Deputy of the Official, Henry Dethick, A.D. 1583. (*Act-book of the Officialty.*)[1]

Die Martis, viz. quinto die mensis Novembr. Anno Dñi 1583, in aula venerabilis viri Magistri Mathei Hutton, sacræ Theologiæ Professoris, et Decani ecclesiæ cathedralis et metropolitanæ Ebor., infra precinct. dictæ ecclesiæ Cathedralis notorie sita et situata, in præsentia mei, Simonis Comyn notarii publici &c. infrascripti, Constitutus personaliter venerabilis vir Magister Henricus Dethick, in legibus Bacc., Officialis jurisdictionis venerabilium virorum dominorum Decani et Capituli Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Christi et Beatæ Mariæ Virginis Dunelm. infra diocessem Dunelm. legitime fulcitus, (et quia necessitas sua tam varia et multiplex se ita impediat ut cuncta curiæ sive muneri suo commissa personaliter implere et cum effectu prosequi non valeat) dilectum sibi in Christo providum et discretum virum, magistrum Robertum Prentisse, clericum, minorem canonicum ecclesiæ Cathedralis Dunelm. Christi et Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, suum deputatum atque surrogatum nominavit constituit deputavit atque surrogavit, dans atque eidem suo deputato atque surrogato concedens omnem et omnimodam potestatem et auctoritatem sibi vigore literarum suarum commissionalium quaruncunque per dictum Decanum et Capitulum ecclesiæ Cathedralis Dunelm. predictæ aliqualiter sibi attributam ;—Ad procedendum et procedi videndum in omnibus et singulis causis, tam ad

(1) The fact of this appointment having been made at York, in the Dean's hall within the Cathedral precincts there, does not imply any jurisdiction over Durham on the part of the See of York, but only that Dethick happened to be staying with the Dean of York when he constituted Prentice his surrogate. The Dean was the same Mathew Hutton who became Bishop of Durham in 1589, and was translated to the See of York in 1594.

partium instantias quam ex mero mixto seu promoto officio modo motis seu movendis infra jurisdictionem prædictam, easque causas omnes et singulas juxta juris exigentiam fine debito terminandas, cæteraque omnia et singula circa hujusmodi causas, negotia, et omnia et cætera præmissa necessaria et requisita &c., facienda exercenda et expedienda etc. Et promisit mihi, Symoni Comyn, notario antedicto &c., hujusmodi stipulationem recipienti de rata &c., præsentibus tunc ibidem Thoma Hopper, notario publico, et aliis testantibus &c.

Super quibus &c.

II. PARISH OF PITTINGTON.

Court of the Officialty (Vol. I. pp. 22, 23).—Die Jovis, videlicet ix° die Aprilis, Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octagesimo quarto, in Ecclesia S^{ti} Oswoldi infra civitatem Dunelm., loco solito ibidem, inter horas nonam et undecimam ante meridiem ejusdem diei, coram magistro Roberto Prentisse, clerico, et deputato &c. venerabilis viri magistri Henrici Detheick, in legibis bacc., officialis &c., in præsentia mei Symonis Comyn, notarii publici registratoris &c.

Pittington.—Officium domini contra Aliciam Hunteley, viduam. Detect.—That she livethe verey suspiciouslie, and haunteth the companie of one mylner after a unlawful manner in her owne howse.

Emanavit citatio &c. Quo die introduxit citationem et certificatorium. Comparuit personaliter dicta Huntley, et allegavit quod matrimonium inter se contraxerunt. Unde dominus monuit eos ad solemnizandum hujusmodi matrimonium ante festum Johan. Bapt. prox., et ad certificandum curia prox. &c. Debet iij^{d}.

Die Mercurii, septimo die mensis Octobris, A.D. 1584 &c. (*as above*). (P. 34.)

Pittington Ecclesia. 6d.—Officium domini contra Vicarium et gardianos ibidem. Ad presentandum &c.—Quo die comparuit Gilbert Dixon, novus gardianus, et presentavit.

Pittington.—Officium domini contra Margaretam Litster. (P. 39.)

Detect. She liveth suspitiouslie with John Attcheson.

Emanavit citatio versus eandem Litster. Quo die introducta dicta citacione cum certificat. &c. Et preconizata dicta Litster comparuit, et dominus objecit detectionem. Unde dominus injunxit ei ad purgand. se quarta manu &c. Postea, xxx° die Octobris, comparuit Litster, et purgavit se legitime, et superinde certificata et dimissa.

Ib. Off. dñi contra Aliciam Hunteley viduam. Detect.—That she liveth verie suspitiouslie and haunteth the companie of one milner.—Ad certificandum de matrimonio. *Nullo modo.* Postea (P. 40.)

xxx° die Octobris comparuit A. Hunteley, et legitime certificata et dimissa est.

(P. 74.) Die Jovis, 3° die mensis Febr. 1585.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Ricardum Hull. Detect. for kepeing and taking into his house a child, and the father not knowen. Emanavit citatio versus Hull et legitime certificat. Et preconizatus nullo modo comparuit. Igitur suspensus.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Christoforum Liddell et Willielmum Hurd. Detect. ut supra.

Comparuit Liddell personaliter, et dominus ipsum ab hac instantia dimisit. Et comparente Willielmo Hourd, dominus ipsum dimisit. Et postea, quia noluerint solvere feoda, dominus monuit eos ad comparendum istud in xvum[1] prox. ad recipiendos articulos in scriptis.

(P. 75.) *Pittington.*—Off. dñi contra Christoforum Liddell for keping in his howse a child as the churchwarden thinketh unlawfully begotten, and not christened, and brought to him by Henrie Wright and William Hurde of the same parishe.

Super articulis comparitionis. George Smurthwat [2] juramentum præstitit quod citavit dictos Liddell Wright et Hurd. Et ipsis præconizatis, comparuerunt Liddell et Hurd, et dictus Wright nullo modo comparuit. Unde dominus ipsum suspendit, et monuit dictum Hurd ad comparendum istud in xv^{m}, et ulterius decrevit Hull citandum fore ad comparendum in prox. personaliter.

Consistory Court. *Liber causarum ex officio*, 1595–1599.—In the Galilee, before Clement Coleman, Chancellor; Saturday, 1 May, 1595.

Pittington.—Officium dñi promotum &c. contra Johannem Robinson. Decreta est citatio versus dictum Robinson ad dicendam causam quare excommunicari non debeat. Quo die —— ad idem prox.

The same, 20 June 1595.

Pittington. — Officium domini promotum contra Johannem Robinson. Decreta est citatio versus dictum Robinson ad dicendam causam &c. quare excommunicari non debeat, quia non peregit pœnitentias ei injunctas &c. Quo die dominus injunxit ei ad peragendas pœnitentias vestibus lineis in ecclesia sua die dominico prox. et die Martis prox., et in foro Dunelm. die Sabbati &c., et ad certificandum eodem die ante undeciman horam ejusdem diei. Et eodem die sic assignato dictus Robinson legitime certificavit de peractione pœnitentiarum. Unde dominus ipsum dimisit.

The same, Saturday, 6 Aug. 1595.

(1) That is *in quindecimum diem proximum*. They were admonished to appear that day fortnight. Similarly *in octavum prox.*

(2) The apparitor, or 'sumner.'

Pittingdon.—Off. dñi contra Elizabetham Oliver, fornicatrice cum Georgio Linsley.

Super articulis comparitionis. Quo die comparuit, et negavit detectionem. Dominus monuit ipsam ad comparendum in isto xv° prox., et monuit apparitorem ad monendos gardianos ad præsentandum hujusmodi crimen &c. citra eundem diem.

The same, Saturday, 8 Nov. 1595.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Isabellam Coniers, presented to be a fornicatrix not corrected.

Super articulis comparitionis. Quo die comparuit dicta Coniers, et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei pœnitentias in ecclesia sua duobus diebus dominicis prox. &c.

The same, Saturday, 15 Nov. 1595.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra gardianos ibidem. Their church-yeard ditch is not fenced.—Quo die—ad idem in prox.

The same, Saturday, 13 Dec. 1595.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Georgium Linsley. Detect. to live incontinentlie with Elizabeth Oliver.

Super articulis comparitionis. Quo die Richardus Smurthwate certificavit quod dictus Linsley legitime fuit citatus ad comparendum istis die horis et loco &c., qui præconizatus nullo modo comparuit. Unde dominus pronuntiavit ipsum contumacem &c., et in pœnam contumacionis suæ ipsum excommunicavit, &c.

The same, Saturday, 17 Jan. 1596.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Georgium Linsley, adult. cum Oliver. Excommunicatus dictus Linsley.

Quo die comparuit idem Linsley, et humiliter petiit beneficium absolutionis a sententia &c. ei impendente. Unde, solutis expensis, dominus ipsum absolvit &c., et monuit ipsum ad comparendum in prox. ad recipiendos articulos &c.

The same, Saturday, 24 Jan. 1596.

Pittington.—Off. dñi. promotum per L. Roddham contra Georgium Linsley pro adulterio cum Eliz. Oliver, filia sororis suæ defunctæ.

Monitus est ad comparendum ad recipiend. articulos &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Linsley, in cujus præsentia dictus promotor &c. exhibuit articulos in scriptis, quos dominus admisit quatenus de jure &c., et ad petitionem dicti promotoris eundem Linsley juramento corporali oneravit de fideliter respondendo eisdem articulis, tactis &c.[1] Et monitus est &c.

Court of the Officialty.—Die Mercurii, quarto die mensis Maii, 1597. (At St. Oswald's, before Edward Hutton, Official, in presence of Thomas King, Registrar.)

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Simonem Hutcheson. Presented for (Vol. ii. p. 44.)

(1) The full phrase is 'tactis sacrosanctis Christi Evangeliis.'

keping unlawful gaming in his house on Sunday the 3 of Aprill last, in one of prayer hours.

Quo die allegavit quod interfuit divinis in ecclesia sua ad vespertinas preces ante primam lectionem, et ibidem morabatur ad finem earundem. Dominus injunxit ei ad probandam eandem allegationem in prox.

Off. dñi. contra Georgium Hull, Christiabellam Hull, Willielmum Middleton, Willielmum Swalwell, Radulphum Fawdon, Rolandum Fawdon, Robertum Meaburne, Willielmum Ourd, Willielmum Hall, viduam Hull. Presented for being absent from church the 3 of Aprill.

Quo die comparuit Radulphus Fawdon, et juratus deposuit quod interfuit divinis in ecclesia de Esington 3° Aprilis ult. Dominus igitur ipsum dimisit. Comparuit etiam Rolandus Fawdon, et fatebatur absentiam suam 3° Aprilis ult. Dominus injunxit ei ad solvendum vj^{d} ad usum pauperum, &c., et ad comparendum in prox. Et similiter comparuit dictus Willielmus Ourd, et juratus deposuit quod adeo fuit valetudinarius ut ad ecclesiam prædictam accedere 3° Aprilis ult. non ausus fuit. Dominus ipsum igitur dimisit. Et Willielmus Hall similiter fatebatur se abfuisse die 3° Aprilis ult. Dominus injunxit ei ad solvendum vj^{d}, ut supra. Et similiter vidua Hull fatebatur se abfuisse, &c. Dominus injunxit ei ad diligentius accedend. ecclesiam, &c.

Die Mercurii, xxv° die Maii, 1597 (*as above*).

(P. 52.) *Pittington.*—Off. dñi contra Georgium Hull, Christiabellam Hull, Willielmum Middleton, Johannem Swalwell. Presented absent from church 3 of Aprill.

Præconizati nullo modo comparuerunt. Igitur pronunciantur contumaces. Pœna reservata in prox. post Johan. Baptist. prox.

Ib.—Off. dñi contra Rolandum Fawdon et Willielmum Hall. Ad certificandum de solutione vj^{d} gardianis &c. ad usum pauperum. Uterque eorum habet ad comparendum in prox.

Die Mercurii, xii° die Aprilis, 1598 (as above).

(P. 68.) *Pittington.*—Off. dñi contra Robertum Smith. Detect. fornic. cum Jana Morary (?)

Quo die comparuit dictus Smith, et habet ad comparendum die Sabbat. prox. &c.

Consistory Court.—Saturday, 2 Sept. 1598, before Clement Colemore.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Emotam Wright, uxorem Henrici Wright, Christiabellam Hall, Ciciliam Cookson, et Elinoram Humble, recusants.

Super articulis comparitionis &c. Quo die introducta citatio &c., et præconizatis dicta Wright, Hall, Cookson, et Humble, nullo modo comparuerunt. Unde dominus pronunciavit ipsas contumaces,

et in pœnam contumaciarum suarum &c. ipsas excommunicavit in scriptis, &c.

Court of the Officialty.—Die Mercurii, xvii° mensis Octobris, 1599 (in Galilee, before Edward Hutton, Official, &c.)

Pittingdon.—Off. dñi contra Radulphum Fawdon. Presented, that he cometh very seldom to their church to divine service. (P. 90.)

Super articulis comparitionis. Quo die non comparuit. Citatus in prox.

The same, Wednesday, 31 Oct. 1599.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Radulphum Fawden (*as before*). (P. 95.)

Super articulis comparitionis. Quo die Ingramus Maugham certificavit quod dictus Fawden legitime citatus fuit ad comparendum hoc die xv°. Præconizatus vero idem Fawden nullo modo comparuit. Unde dominus pronunciavit ipsum contumacem, et in pœnam contumaciæ suæ ipsum excommunicatum decrevit et excommunicavit.

The same, Wednesday, 21 May, 1600.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Radulphum Fawdon. Presented for necligent cominge to churche. (P. 115.)

Super articulis comparitionis. Quo die——Similiter ut supra; in xv^{m} prox.

The same, Thursday, 22 May, 1600.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Radulphum Fawdon (*as before*). (P. 117.)

Pronunciatur contumax in non comparendo &c. Pœna reservata in hunc diem. Quo die . . . . v^{s}.

The same, Wednesday, 8 Oct. 1600.

Pittingdon.—Off. dñi contra Henricum Wright. Adult. cum Margareta Ovington, vidua. (P. 128.)

Super artic. comparit. &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Wright, et monitus est ad comparendum in istis ad vidend. ulterius processus in hac causa, et recipiend. articulos &c. in istis in tres prox.

The same, Wednesday, 16 Nov. 1600.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Henricum Wright, adult. cum Margaret Ovington. (P. 129.)

Monitus est dictus Wright ad comparendum &c. Quo die comparuit idem Wright, et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei pœnitentias duobus diebus Sabbatis prox. in foro Dunelm et duobus diebus dominicis prox. in ecclesia sua &c., et ad certificandum in prox. post Epiphaniam prox., et monitus est ad comparendum in prox. ad extrahendam schedulam et solvenda feoda.

Ib. Off. dñi contra Christoforum Hull. He kepeth house with Isabell Brompton, a Yorkshire woman, not married. They both dwelt in Yorkshire before their marriage.

Ad certificandum de solemnizatione matrimonii inter se &c. Dictus Hull habet. Quo die dictus Hull introduxit certificatorium

Georgii Gibson, Curati de Dighton &c., per quod appareat matrimonium per eundem curatum solemnizatum fuisse inter eosdem Christoforum Hull et Isabellam Brompton in ecclesia sive capella de Dighton prædicta die xvij° Septembris ult. Dominus, quia apparuit per confessionem dicti Hull matrimonium hujusmodi solemnizatum fuisse absque scientia parentum ejusdem Isabellæ, et bannis matrimonialibus non editis, licentiaque ordinaria in ea parte non obtenta, declaravit eosdem Christoforum et Isabellam sententia excommunicationis ipso facto incidisse, et decrevit eos pro sic excommunicatis publice denunciari.

(P. 136.) Die Mercurii, 16° die Decemb. 1600, coram Edwardo Hutton &c. in ecclesia parochiali de Allerton, in præsentia mei Marci Forster, notarii publici.

Dighton.—Off. dñi contra Georgium Gibson, curatum ibidem. He married Christofer Hull and Isabell Brompton togither, the banns of matrimonie not beinge published in their parishe church, without lycence, and the said parties wantinge consent of parents.

Super articulis comparitionis &c. Quo die comparuit personaliter et fatebatur detectionem, et submisit &c. Unde dominus decrevit eum pro excommunicato, et sic denunciari in ecclesia de Dighton. Jo. Bowton, Ro. Hackfurthe, Rych. Parkyn, Peter Cotes, Mar. Fulburne, thes weare present at the marriage. Cit. in prox.

Wednesday, 14 Jan. 1601. (*Place not named.*)

(P. 140.) Off. dñi contra Georgium Gibson, curatum de Dighton. He solemnized matrimonie betweene one Christopher Hull and Isabell Brompton, bannes not proclamed, without either consent of parents or lycence from any ordinarie.

Quo die comparuit, et fatebatur prout prius. Unde dominus decrevit prout prius, scilicet excommunicatum fuisse et esse ratione solemnizacionis ejusdem matrimonii illegitimi, et pro sic excommunicato in ecclesia sive capella de Dighton prædicta declarari et denunciari.

Off. dñi contra Richardum Parkin, Robertum Hackforthe, et Johannem Bolton. Present at the said unlawfull mariage.

Quo die comparuit dictus Bolton, et fatebatur se interfuisse in ecclesia de Dighton tempore solemnizacionis matrimonii clandestini prædicti inter Hull et Brompton prædictos. Unde dominus pronunciavit ipsum in sententiam excommunicationis majoris ratione præmissorum incidisse, et pro sic excommunicato in ecclesia sive capella de Dighton prædicta denunciari et declarari. Et præconizatis dictis Parkin et Hackforthe, nullo modo comparuerunt. Unde dominus pronunciavit ipsos contumaces. Pœna reservata in istis in xv° prox.

In the Galilee, 28 Jan. 1601.

(P. 141.) *Dighton.* — Off. dñi contra Richardum Parkin et Robertum

Hackforth. Present as witnesses at an unlawfull mariage solemnized by the curate there betwene one Christofer Hall and Isabell Brompton.

Pronunciantur contumaces, pœna reservata in hunc diem &c. Quo die dominus decrevit ipsos non comparentes citandos in prox., scilicet ad dicendam causam quare excommunicari non debeant.

Tuesday, 19 May, 1601. (Before Hutton at North Allerton.)

Dighton.—Off. dñi contra Georgium Gibson, curatum nuper ibidem, nunc tamen curatum apud Huton &c. Detected, that he married Christofer Hall &c. (*as before*). He hath since maried another couple in like sort, he being excommunicate. (P. 155.)

Excommunicatus alias dictus Gibson &c. Quo die Jo. Bolton de Dighton affirmavit in præsentia dicti curati quod idem curatus solemnizavit matrimonium bannis non editis, first one in Lent last, and fyve other marriages &c. Dominus monuit ipsum curatum ad ostendend. literas ordinum in crastino, alioquin ad comparendum in consistorio Dunelm. coram Magistro Clementi Colmore &c. in Sabbato prox. et quod non deserviet infra Allertonshire quousque &c.

Ibid.—Officium dñi con. Robertum Parkin, Robertum Hackforth, et Johannem Bolton. Presented to have been present at the said unlawfull marrage &c.

Similiter &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Bolton et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus ipsum humiliter petentem absolvit, et injunxit ei ad confitendum crimen in prox. die dominico coram Mr Key.

Et dominus deputavit dictum Mr Key ad absolvendum Parkyn &c. Dictus vero Hackforth non comparuit. Nullo modo. Igitur excommunicatur.

In the Galilee, before E. Hutton, Wednesday, 7 Jan. 1601.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Henricum Wright. Adult. cum Margareta Ovington. (P. 138.)

Ad extrahendas schedulas et solvenda feoda, dictus Wright habet &c. Quo die nullo modo. Igitur excommunicatus.

Ibid.—Off. dñi contra Christoferum Hall et ejus uxorem. Alias excommunicati. (P. 139.)

Die Sabbato xxi° Febr. 1601. (*As above.*)

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Georgium Thompson et Margaretam Hall, alias Thompson, forn. and since married. (P. 144.)

Super articulis comparitionis &c. Nullo modo. Igitur &c.

The same, 17 March, 1601.

Off. dñi contra Georgium Thompson et Margaretam Hall &c. (P. 145.)

Quo die comparuit dictus Thompson, et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit eis ad confitendum crimen in ecclesia &c. vestibus solitis ante receptionem cœnæ Dominicæ &c., et ad certificandum in prox.

Die Veneris, xxv° Junii, 1602.

(P. 184.) *Pittington.*—Off. dñi contra Georgium Cooke et Annam Sharpe. They have committed adulterie together.

Quo die comparuit dicta Sharpe, et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei pœnitentias in ecclesia sua duobus diebus dominicis prox., et in foro Dunelm. die Sabbati prox., et ad certificandum in istis in xv^{m} prox. Præconizatus vero dictus Georgius Cooke nullo modo comparuit. Unde dominus pronunciavit ipsum contumacem, et in pœnam contumacionis suæ ipsum excommunicavit &c. Postea eodem die comparuit idem Cooke, qui detectionem negavit. Dominus assignavit ad purgandum se sexta manu honestorum vicinorum suorum in istis in xv° prox.

Die Veneris, ix° Julii, 1602.

(P. 190.) *Ibid.*—Off. dñi contra Georgium Cooke et Annam Sharpe, adulter. Ad purgandum se 6 manu &c. dictus Cooke habet; et ad certificandum de pœnitentiis dicta Sharpe &c. Quo die. Ad idem in prox. sub pœna succumbentur [?].

Ibid.—Die Veneris, xvj° Julii, 1602.

Off. dñi contra Georgium Cooke, forn. cum Anna Sharpe.

Ad purgandum se sexta manu honestorum virorum vicinorum suorum dictus Cooke habet &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Cooke, nullos tamen introduxit compurgatorios. Unde dominus pronunciavit ipsum in purgatione sua defecisse, et injunxit ei pœnitentias in ecclesia sua parochiali die dominico prox., et ad certificandum in prox.

Ibid.—Die Veneris, xxx° Julii, 1602.

(P. 192.) Off. dñi contra Georgium Cooke, adult. cum Anna Sharpe.

Ad certificandum de pœnitentiis &c. Quo die præconizatus dictus Cooke nullo modo comparuit. Unde dominus pronunciavit ipsum contumacem. Pœna reservata in prox. &c.

The same, Saturday, 18 Feb. 1609.

(Vol. iii. p. 86.) *Ibid.*—Off. dñi contra Elizabetham Watson. Forn. cum Henrico Hull.

Quo die comparuit et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei ad confitendum crimen die dominico prox. vestibus lineis, et ad certificandum in prox.—25° Feb. certificavit et dimissa.

The same, Saturday, 10 Sept. 1614.

(P. 197.) *Ibid.*—Off. dñi contra Alice Gallile, fornic. cum Willielmo Atkinson.

Quo die comparuit dicta Alice et fatebatur detectionem. Unde dñs injunxit ei pœnitentiam semel in ecclesia de Pittington vestibus lineis die dominico seu festivo et ad certificandum die Sabbat. post festum Michaelis prox. &c.

The same, Tuesday, 25 Sept. 1617.

Ibid.—Off. dñi promotum contra Georgium Preston et uxorem ejus pro incontinentia ante nuptias. (P. 255.)

Super articulis comparitionis &c. Quo die Ingramus Maugham introduxit citationem cum certificatorio retro scripto. Et præconizatis dictis Georg. Preston et uxore ejus, nullo modo comparuerunt. Unde dominus pronuntiavit eos contumaces. Pœna reservata in prox.

Ibid.—Off. dñi contra Radulfum Birde et uxorem ejus pro consimili causa. Super art. compar. &c. Quo die, citatione introducta et certificata, et præconizatis non comparentibus, dominus excommunicavit eos in scriptis.

Ibid.—Off. dñi contra Henricum Hull et Annam Wright, filiam Henrici Wright, pro fornicatione.

Similiter. Quo die comparuit dictus Hull, et fatebatur crimen. Unde dominus injunxit ei pœnitentiam semel in ecclesia de Pittington vestibus lineis, et ad certificandum istud in xv^m.

The same, Tuesday, 9 Oct. 1617.

Pittington.—Off. dñi contra Georgium Preston et ejus uxorem pro incontinentia ante nuptias.—Dismissus. (P. 274.)

The same, Tuesday, 16 Oct. 1617.

Ibid.—Off. dñi contra Radulfum Birde et ejus uxorem. (P. 283.)

Super artic. &c. Postea comparuit dictus Bird xxx° Octobris, et fatebatur detectionem. Unde dominus injunxit ei ad confitendum crimen coram ministro et gaurdianis prout in schedula, et ad certificandum istud in xv^m.

II. PARISH OF ST. OSWALD.

Consistory Court.

Die Martis viz. decimo Martii 1578 in capella infra manerium de Busshop Awkeland &c. coram venerabili viro Thoma Burton &c. officiali in præsentia mei Gilberti Spence notarii publici.

S^ti^ Oswoldi Dunelm.—Officium dñi contra Robertum Slaitor de Elvet, detect. He refused to be examined in the x commaundments obstinately and intruded himselfe to receyve the communion contrary to the vicar's comaundment.

Remissus ad consistorium &c. Monuit Officialis ad comparendum in consistorio sabbat. prox.

The same. Saturday, 14 March, 1578, before Thomas Swifte, Official Principal &c., in Galilee.

Officium domini contra Robertum Sclator ejusdem parochiæ. Detect: He refused to be examined in the x commaundementes obstinatelye, and intruded himself to receyve the communione contrarye to the Vicare's commaundement, and gave evell wordes in the churche, and the churchewardens proved in the constory that he offerede onely to be examyned &c. at the ministracion tyme and not before, and dysturbed the service.

Monitus est ad comparendum —— diem hoc loco. Quo die, præconizato dicto Roberto Sclaitor, et comparuit et etiam comparuerunt vicarius et gardiani ejusdem et affirmaverunt detectionem esse veram in præsentia dicti Sclaitor dicta mala tunc pertinaciter defendendo. Et quia detectio fuit legitime probata, dominus ergo remisit causam ad commissarios regios &c.

The same.—Saturday, 21 March 1578, in Galilee, before Thomas Burton, Official Principal.

S^ti^ Oswoldi Dunelm.—Officium dñi con. Robertum Sclator de Elvett, detect. He refuseth &c. (*as before*).

Monuit Officialis ad comparendum in hunc diem. Quo die comparuit dictus Sclator. Remissus ad commissarios.

Saturday, 27 August, 1580, before Thomas Burton &c.

Croxdaill.—Officium dñi con. Johannam Salven, uxorem Gerrardi Salven. Detect. She haith absented hireselfe from the churche since

Midsomer last was a twelmonth, neyther she did communicate with us, neyther at any other place to our knowledge, all that time.

Court of the Officialty, 12 Dec. 1583, at St. Oswald's, before Robert Prentice.

Croxdale.—Officium dñi con. Jerrardum Salvin et Joanem Salvin ejus uxorem. Detect, That they do not receyve the Communion at Croxdale this 2 yeares nether she doth come to the churche.

Emanavit citacio &c. Quo die introducta citatione certificata &c. Et preconizatis dictis Jerrardo et Joane comparuit personaliter dictus Jerrardus, et ex testimonio Vicarii et cleri parochialis Sti Oswoldi certificavit se cœnam Domini suscepisse &c. Et uxor ejus est coram commissarios regios. Et dictus Jerrardus est dimissus.

Ibid.—Officium dñi con. Marmaduc Maddison. Detect. That he dothe not come to dyuine service nor receyv the Communion. Emanavit citacio. Quo die introducta citacione certificata &c. Et preconizato dicto Maddison Jerrardus Salvin certificavit quod Marmaduc Maddeson fuit servus ejus, tamen fugam fecit a capella de Croxdale.

Saturday, 20 June, 1595, before Clement Colemore &c.

Sti Oswoldi.—Officium dñi con. Willielmum Bellerby et Annam Dawson, adulteros secundo lapsu.

Super articulis comparitionis. Quo die comparuerunt Bellerby et Dawson, et fatebantur detectionem. Dominus injunxit eis pœnitentias in ecclesia sua die dominico prox. et die Martis prox., et in foro Dunelm. die Sabbati prox., et ad certificandum istud in xv.

Court of the Officialty.—Saturday, May 1596, in church of St. Oswald, before Ralph Tunstall.

Sti Oswoldi, Dunelm.—Offic. dñi contra Franciscam Lawson, (Vol. ii. p. 9.) uxorem Henrici Lawson armigeri. Presented that she came not to church there to heare dyvine Service, nor received the holie communion since the fift of Januarie last past.

Super artic. comparitionis. Quo die Georgius Smurthwhat apparitor &c. introduxit citationem alias versus dictam Franciscam emanatam ad comparendum ist. die horis et loco ad respondendum certis articulis ob meræ animæ suæ salutem ac morum suorum reformacionem, nominatim quod non accessit ecclesiæ suæ parochiali diebus dominicis et aliis festivis ad divina audienda nec recepit sacrosanctam communionem sive sacramentum cœnæ Domini juxta statuta hujus regni Angliæ concernentia &c. &c. Et dictus apparitor dixit eandem citationem legitime fuisse executam. Unde Dominus mandavit ipsam Franciscam Lawson publice præconizari, quæ præconizata nullo modo comparuit. Dominus igitur pronunciavit ipsam contumacem, et in pœnam contumacionis suæ ipsam excommunicavit in scriptis inde lectis.

Offic. dñi con. Richardum Rogerson, presented ut supra.
Super artic. comparitionis. Quo die. Similiter.
Offic. dñi con. Rich. Claxton. Presented similiter.
Sup. artic. comparitionis. Quo die. Similiter.

Wednesday, 6 April, 1597 (*as above*).

(P. 84.) *St. Oswold's.*—Jacobus Calfehill, vicarius; Rich. Jackson, curatus; Johannes Carter, Georgius Man, Rich. Tatus, Thom. Tailer, gardiani. Jurati, et moniti fuerunt ad præsentandum in crastino in octavum proximum, et ad ulterius præsentandum nomina absentium a divinis &c. Mercurii prox. ante festum Ascencionis.—4° Maij præsentaverunt.

(P. 891.) Wednesday, 17 Oct. 1599; in the Galilee, before Edward Hutton.

St. Oswoldes.—Officium dñi con. Alisonam Dunn, uxorem Geor. Dunn. Presented to be a common scolder.

Sup. art. comparit. Quo die. Non inventa, ergo non citata.

(P. 112.) *St. Oswoldes.*—Officium dñi con. Christiabellam Nickson. Presented, That she doeth neither communicate nor come to church.

Sup. art. compar. Quo die.

Jana Nelson, vidua, parochiæ de Allerton, contra Barbaream Kettlewell in causa diffamacionis.

Quibus die horis et loco comparuit Mr Cuthbertus Nicholls, et allegavit se procuratorem dictæ Barbariæ, et petiit termina ad defendendum de mandato. Unde dominus assignavit terminum eidem &c. in prox. Deinde idem Mr Cuthbertus Nicholls, absentia dictæ Janæ et ipsius procuratoris, non obstante pro eo quod dicta Barberia fuit et sit excommunicata, petiit beneficium absolutionis dominæ suæ in persona sua saltem ad cautelam impendi. Unde dominus ad ejus petitionem eandem Barbaram in persona procuratoris sui ad cautelam absolvit usque ad et in diem Mercurii prox. post festum Trinitatis prox.

(P. 114.) Jana Nelson, vidua, parochiæ de Allerton, con. Barbariam Kettlewell in causa diffamacionis,

Absolvitur dicta Barberia in persona procuratoris sui ad cautelam in hunc diem, Quo die ad idem in crastinum diem.

St. Oswoldes.—Officium dñi con, Philippum Faudon et Elizabetham ejus natam. Presented that the said Elizabeth doth not come to church nor receave the Communion, and the said Philip kepeth her in house contrary to commandment given.

Sup. art. comparit. Quo die comparuit Philippus. Ad idem in xv^{m} prox.

Officium dñi con. Christoferum Batmeson, filium Thomæ Batmeson, et Isabellam uxorem. Similiter.

Similiter. Quo die ii pronunciantur contumaces: pœna reservata in xv^{m} prox.

Thursday, 22 May, 1600 (*as above*).

Jana Nelson, vidua, parochiæ de Allerton con. Barberiam Kettlewell in causa diffamacionis. (P. 115.)

Absolvitur dicta Barberia in persona Magistri Cuthberti Nicholls procuratoris sui ad cautelam in hunc diem &c. Quo die dominus ad petitionem dicti Magistri Nicholls exhibentis procuratorium in scriptis pro dicta Barbara &c. eandem Barbaram a sententia excommunicationis in persona ejusdem magistri Nicholls absolvit &c., solutis prius expensis contumaciæ suæ &c. Deinde Johannes King, allegans se procuratorem dictæ Janæ Nelson, dedit et obtulit libellum in scriptis (videlicet copia ejusdem prout vere tradita), quem petiit admitti, Magistro Nicholls petente eundem rejici et non admitti. Dominus admisit eundem quatenus de jure &c. et tunc ibidem dictus Mr Nicholls protestatus est de nimia qualitate &c. dicti libelli, et, ea protestacione salva, dixit narrata prout narrantur vera non esse, et ideo petita prout petuntur fidi non debere omnino ante litem contestandi negative in præsentia dicti Jo. King repetentis libellum in vim &c. Dominus eundem pro repetito habere voluit, et dominus Barbaram citandam decrevit ad personaliter respondendum petitionibus libelli in istud in tres prox. istis horis et loco &c.

Wednesday, 11 June, 1600 (*as above*).

St. Oswolde's.—Officium dñi con. Christoforum Batmeson, filium Thomæ Batmeson. Presented, That he doeth not communicate nor come to their church. (P. 116.)

Pronunciatur contumax in non comparendo &c. Pœna reservata in hunc diem. Quo die.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Philippum Fawdon et Elizabetham ejus natam. Presented, That the said Elizabeth doeth not come to church (*&c, as above in same case*). (P. 117.)

Sup. art. compar. &c. Quo die.

Jana Nelson vidua parochiæ de Allerton con. Barbariam Kettlewell in causa diffamacionis.

Decreta est citatio versus dictam Barbariam Kettlewell ad personaliter respondendum petitionibus libelli ex parte dictæ Janæ contra eam oblati in hunc diem. Quo die comparuit personaliter dicta Barbara Kettlewell, quam dominus ad petitionem J. King &c. juramento corporali oneravit de fideliter respondendo petitionibus libelli, tactis &c. quatenus &c. Et monita est &c. Et tunc ibidem dicta Barbara exhibuit responsiones in scriptis &c.

St. Oswold's.—Officium dñi con. Jo. Johnson. Suspected of incontinencie with Edw. Punchon's wife. (P. 118.)

Quo die preconizatus dictus Johnson nullo modo comparuit. Dominus pronunciavit ipsum contumacem. Pœna reservata in istis in xv^{m} &c.

Wednesday, June 1600 (*as above*).

St. Oswold's.—Officium dñi con. Johannem Johnson. Suspected of incontinencye with Edward Puncheon's wife. (P. 120.)

Pronunciatur contumax. Pœna reservata in hunc diem &c. Quo die ad idem in xv[m].

Wednesday, 9 July, 1600.

Officium dñi promotum &c. con. Jo. Johnson (*as before*). Quo die dominus per viam articulorum objecit eidem Johnson detectionem prædictam ac crimen incontinenciæ prædictæ, qui deliberate negavit crimen et suspicionem prædictam generaliter conceptam fatebatur tamen that Anthonie Aire Matthew Graye and his wife and Thomas Forster of Shinclif have injuriouslie detected him of the premisses, unde dominus ad petitionem Ingrami Maugham &c. decrevit septem honestos inhabitantes de Shincliff citandos ad comparendum istud in tres ad proband. famam &c. super premissis, et monuit dominus Johnson ad tunc interessendum.

Wednesday, 30 July 1600, in Galilee, before Mr. Gilbert Speare, "clerico, deputato Edwardi Hutton."

(P. 121.) *St. Oswold's.*—Officium dñi &c. con. Johannem Johnson. Suspected of incontinencye with Edward Puncheon's wife.

Decretum est septem honestos inhabitantes de Shinckliffe citari ad comparendum hoc die ad probandam famam &c. super præmissis, et monitus est dictus Johnson ad interessendum. Quo die exhibitum fuit præsentamentum Anthonii Aire gardiani in parte probandi &c. Et decretum est septem inhabitantes citari ad ulterius proband. famam in prox.

Wednesday, 3 December, 1600. Before Edw. Hutton.

(P. 132.) *St. Oswold's.*—Officium dñi promot. per Ingramum Maugham apparitorem &c. con. Johannem Johnson. Suspected of incontinencie with Edward Puncheon's wife.

Decretum est septem honestorum inhabitantium de Shinckliffe citandos fore ad proband. hujusmodi famam in hunc diem &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Johnson, in cujus præsentia dictus Ingramus Maugham &c. exhibuit articulos in scriptis quos dominus ad ejus petitionem admisit &c., et eundem Johnson juramento corporali oneravit de fideliter respondendo eisdem quatenus jus exigit &c. tactis &c. et monitus est &c. Et tunc ibidem dictus Ingramus Maugham ad probandos articulos prædictos produxit in testes Mattheum Gray, Tho. Forster, Anthonium Aire, Johannem Hopper Juniorem, Robertum Heddon, J. Punshon, Isabellam Forster, Annam Thompson, Robertum Cooper. Quos dominus ad ejus petitionem recepit, admisit, et juramento corporali oneravit, de fideliter deponendo super articulis prædictis, tactis &c. et moniti fuerunt &c.

Wednesday, 7 Jan. 1600 (secundum cursum et consuetudinem ecclesiæ Anglicanæ), in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

(P. 138.) *St. Oswolde's.*—Officium dñi con. Johannem Johnson. Suspected of incontinencie with Edward Puncheon's wife.

Pendet terminus probatorum articulorum &c.

***St. Oswolde's.*—Officium dñi con. Robertum Murton, for. cum Elizabetha Richeson parochiæ de Merington.** **(P. 139.)**

Sup. art. compar. &c. Quo die &c. Murton nullo modo: igitur excommunicatus: pronunciatur contumax dicta Richeson in istis in tres prox.

Wednesday, 8 January (secundum cursum &c.), in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

Off. dñi promot. &c. contra Johannem Johnson suspected (*as before*). Pendet terminus probatorum articulorum in hunc diem &c. Quo die dominus publicavit dicta et depositiones 4^{or} testium examinatorum &c. promotore sic petente, et decrevit copias partibus petentibus. **(P. 141.)**

Wednesday, 28 Jan. (sec. cursum &c.) 1610 (*as above*).

St. Oswolde's.—Officium dñi con. Robertum Murton, for. cum Elizabetha Richeson parochiæ de Merington. (P. 141.)

Alias excommunicatus dictus Murton: pronunciatur vero contumax dicta Richeson in hunc diem &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Murton. Et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei petenti ad solemnizandum matrimonium cum dicta Richeson citra tertium Maii prox., et injunxit eis ad confitendum crimen vestibus solitis in tempore solemnizationis matrimonii.

Wednesday, 4 March, 1600 (*as above*).

S^t. Oswolde's.—Officium dñi con. Johannem Johnson suspected of adulterie with Edward Punchon's wife. (P. 144.)

Publicantur dicta et depositiones testium &c. Quo die.

Friday, 15 May, 1601 (*as above*).

S^t. Oswolde's.—Officium dñi con. Elizabetham, uxorem Roberti Whitfeild, Janam Hopper, uxorem Hugonis Hopper, Thomam Horsley et ejus uxorem, Johannem Rutter, Christiabellam Nicson, Jererdum Fawden, et Elizabetham Fawden, Margaretam Sim, Christoforum Batmanson, Recusants. (P. 152.)

Quo die.

Officium dñi con. uxorem Philippi Fawden. Presented for railinge against the churchwardens and others, callinge them drunkerdes & noe honest men &c.

Sup. art. compar. &c. Quo die.

Officium dñi con. Johannem Meburne et Annam ejus uxorem. Presented for fornication before mariage.

Quo die comparuit dictus Meburne et negavit detectionem. Unde dominus monuit ipsum ad comparendum in die Veneris prox. ad recipiendos articulos premissis concernentes: et postea fatebatur detectionem et submisit se correctioni domini Judicis, qui injunxit eis ad confitendum crimen vestibus solitis tempore divinorum die dominico prox. et ad certificandum in prox.

Officium dñi con. Georgium Hall Curatum. Presented for

maryinge the said Meburne and Anna his wife knowinge them to be fornicators, not havinge firste satisfyed the courte & congregation.

Quo die comparuit et monitus ad comparendum in prox. ad recipiendos articulos.

(P. 158.) Officium dñi promot. per Ingram Maugham apparitorem &c. con. Johannem Johnson. Presented to be suspected of incontinencie with Edward Punshon's wife.

Ad purgandum se tertia manu honestorum vicinorum suorum dictus Johnson habet in hunc diem &c. Quo die comparuit et introduxit in compurgatorios suos Thomam Johnson, Thomam Keinliside, et Georgium Thompson, in quorum præsentiis dictus Johnson juratus deposuit se super crimen incontinentiæ prædictæ innocentem fuisse et esse, et dicti compurgatores sui similiter jurati eorum quilibet deposuit se credere et in animis suis respective persuaderi dictum Johnson veritatem jurasse, Unde dominus pronunciavit eum rite et canonice seipsum purgasse ex dicto crimine, innocentem fuisse et esse, et decrevit literas testimoniales &c., et ulterius dictum Johannem Johnson in expensis ex parte promotoris in hac parte factis condemnavit, quarum taxacionem in diem Veneris prox. istis horis et loco reservavit &c.

Friday 22 May, 1601.

(P. 158.) *St. Oswaldes.*—Officium dñi promot. per Ingram Maugham &c. con. Johannem Johnson. Presented for suspicion of incontinencie with Edward Punshon's wife.

Decretum est expensas taxari &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Johnson, in cujus præsentia promotor exhibuit billam expensarum quam petiit taxari. Dñs taxavit eandem ad summam xxiij s. iiij d., et monuit eundem Johnson ad solvend. easdem, istud in mensem prox. ceu citra, alioquin ad comparendum in prox. ex tunc ad audiendum se excommunicari.[1]

(1) This case of John Johnson of Shincliffe illustrates well the procedure of the spiritual courts. It was protracted from the beginning of June 1600 to the 22nd of May in the following year, having been nine times before the Court. It arose from this Johnson being presented by a churchwarden for suspicion of incontinency with another man's wife. Having been declared contumacious and threatened with excommunication for not appearing before the Court after citation, he at length presented himself, and denied the charge. Ingram Maugham, the apparitor of the court, promoted the office of the judge against him. The charge resting only on alleged common report, his accusers were required to adduce proof of such report; whereupon at a subsequent sitting of the court they produced nine inhabitants of Shincliffe to swear, not to the fact of the man's guilt, but to the general belief of it. Four of them were examined, and their depositions published, copies of them being given to the several parties. The accused, being called upon to reply, again denied the charge on his oath *ex officio.* Being then required to produce four honest neighbours as his compurgators—*i.e.* to swear that they believed him to have sworn truly—he did so, and was acquitted. But, notwithstanding this, he was compelled, under pain of excommunication, to pay the whole costs of the long suit, amounting after taxation to 1 *l.* 3 *s.* 4 *d.*

Friday 26 Nov. 1602 (*as above*).

***Sti Oswoldi*.—Officium dñi con. Dorotheam Gaile for harbouringe a woman suspected of adulterie with Robert Lambe.** (P. 215.)

Sup. art. comparit. &c. Quo die dominus monuit ipsam ne in tali offenderet in prox.; et eam gratis dimisit.

Friday 25 November, 1603 (*as above*).

***Sti Oswoldi Dunelm*.—Officium dñi con. Johannem Hedwin. Detected for being absent from his parish church morning praier & Sermon on Sondaie the xiijth of this instant.** (P. 240.)

Sup. artic. compar. &c. Quo die comparuit et fatebatur detectionem, tamen allegavit se ægrotum fuisse die prædicto aliquantulum ita quod non ausus valetudinis suæ ratione ecclesiæ accedere eodem die. Dominus, quia apparuit ex confessione partis eundem Hedwin venisse huic civitati in forum ibidem die prox. præcedente, monuit ipsum ad solvendum xij d. manibus gardianorum ad pios usus ad statim, et ad diligentius accedendum ecclesiæ &c. in posterum.

Officium dñi con. Samuelem Hopper, Willielmum Wheatley, Anthonium Ayre, Johannem Hopper,[a] Edwardum Punshon, Thomam White, Georgium Rawlinge, Thomam Rashell, Christoforum Skurfeild,[b] Johannem Greve,—detected ut supra.

(a) *Valde senex et cæcus.*

(b) *Abs. apud Middleham.*

Similiter &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Rawlinge, et affirmavit se in ecclesia fuisse die prædicto, quam allegationem dominus acceptavit et eum dimisit gratis: et similiter pro Samuele Hopper. Comparuit etiam Wheatley quem dominus monuit ad solvendum prout Johannes Hedwin. Punshon similiter. Comparuit Tho. Rashall et obtulit se promptum fidem facere se fuisse in ecclesia Cathedrali Dunelm. die prædicto: unde dominus ipsum dimisit, modo Mr Doctor Colmore, cujus est servus (ut asserit), vel ejus uxor [?] sic affirmarint. Tho. White injungitur ad solvendum xx d. manibus gardianorum ad pios usus, vel confitendum crimen in dicta ecclesia die dominico prox. et ad certificandum in prox.

Officium dñi con. Anthonium Ayre et ——. Adult.

Emanavit citatio versus eundem Aire &c. ad comparendum istis die horis et loco ad respondendum certis articulis &c. Quo die nullo modo. Igitur pronunciatur contumax. Pœna reservata in crast.

Sti Oswoldi.—Officium dñi con. Anthonium. Ayre Adult cum—

Pronunciatur contumax; pœna reservata in hunc diem. Quo die præconizatus dictus Ayre comparuit personaliter, et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei pœnitentias in ecclesia sua parochiali die dominico in octo prox. et in foro Dunelm. die Sabbati in octo prox. vestibus lineis, et ad certificandum in istis in xvm prox.

Friday, 9 Dec. 1603 (*as above*).

Sti Oswoldi.—Officium dñi con. Robertum Greene, Thomam Whyte (*nullo modo*) Robertum Barrow, Johannem Noble, Rob. (P. 242.)

Nicson (*nullo modo*), Tho. Atkinson, Paulum Smith, Matth. Short, Tho. Johnson, Tho. Rowle, Oliverum Richeson, Willielmum Dowson, Rob. Pearson, Jo. Symth, Georg. Dunne, Edwardum Atkinson, Geor. Forster, Matth. Hunter, Tho. Williamson (*Cert. sub manu Curati &c. quod fuit in capella Stæ Margaretæ Blythe dimittitur*), Henr. Elleson, Philippum Fawdon, Joh. Blythe, Edw. Atkinson, Rob. Wardham. Presented for being absent from their parish church morning praier & sermon on Sondaie the xiij[th] of November last.

Similiter &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Grene et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei ad solvendum xx d. manibus gardianorum ad usum pauperum, et ad diligentius accedendum ecclesiæ suæ parochiali in posterum, et ad certificandum de solutione prædictæ summæ in prox. Comparuit etiam dictus Barrow quem dominus monuit ad confitendum crimen publice in ecclesia sua parochiali die dominico prox. et ad certificand. in prox. Jo. Noble dimittitur gratis dummodo introducat Jo. Sim ad testificandum se fuisse in dicta ecclesia die prædicto in crast. Comparuit dictus Atkinson et fatebatur se abfuisse a dicta ecclesia sua parochiali, tamen allegavit se interfuisse eodem tempore in ecclesia Cathedrali Dunelm. concionem in eadem tunc factam auditum; dominus tamen monuit illum ad solvend. xij d. manibus gard. &c. et ad certificandum in prox. Comparuit etiam dictus Short, et allegavit se fuisse divinis precibus in ecclesia de Sedgfeild die prædicto. Dominus monuit ipsum ad introducendum certificatorium Curati et gardianorum de Sedgfeild prædict. de veritate præmissorum in prox. Paulus Smith excusatur et dimittitur gratis quia pauper est. Thomas Johnson juratus deposuit se ægrotum fuisse die prædicto; unde dominus ipsum dimisit. Robertus Pearson comparuit et fatebatur detect. Dominus monuit ipsum ad solvendum et certificandum in prox. et supra. Comparuit etiam Georgius Dunne, et fatebatur ut supra; monitus est ad solvendum et certificandum ut supra. Edwardus Atkinson comparuit et fatebatur ut supra. Dominus injunxit ei ad solvend. et certificand. ut supra, sed postea, quia plane apparuit se fuisse valde pauperem dominus ipsum dimisit gratis. Georgius Forster comparuit et similiter pauper injungitur ut supra. Elleson comparuit et juratus deposuit se interfuisse in ecclesia de Sedgfeild die prædicto. Dominus ipsum dimisit gratis. Philippus Fawdon comparuit, et fatebatur detect. Dominus injunxit ei ad solvend. et certificand. ut supra. Blythe comparuit et excusatur. Edwinus Atkinson comparuit et ob certas causas per eum allegatas dominus ipsum dimisit gratis.

Friday, 27 Jan[y] 1603-4 (*as before*).

(P. 248.) *S[t] Oswoldi.*—Officium dñi con. Anth. Aire. Adult. cum—

Ad certificandum de pœnitentiis &c. Quo die comparuit personaliter, et habet ad certificandum ut prius in xv[m] prox.

S^{ti} Oswoldi.—Officium dñi con. Robertum Greene (*nullo modo*) Robertum Barrow, Tho. Atkinson in prox., Matth. Short, Robertum Pearson, Georgium Dunne, Philippum Fawdon (*nullo modo*). Presented for absence from church. (P. 244.)

Emanavit citatio &c. versus eos et eorum quemlibet. Ad dicend. causam &c., quare, pro eo quod non certificaverunt de solutione pecuniarum summarum prout injuncti fuerunt, excommunicari non debeant &c. Quo die comparuerunt Pearson et Dunne, et quia pecuniarum summas prædictas non solvissent gardianis prædictis, dominus injunxit eis ad confitendum negligentiam suam prædictam publice die dominico prox., et ad certificand. in prox. Short comparuit. Dominus monuit ipsum ad introducendum certificatorium sub manibus Curati et gardianorum de Sedgfeild quod interfuit precibus in ecclesia ibidem die pro quo præsentatus extitit in prox.

Officium dñi con. Nicholaum Hobson, Hugonem Ramshaw, Robertum Heddon, Johannem Symme, Alexandrum Barrow et Johannem Barrowe. Presented for brawling and feighting in the church.

Similiter &c. Quo die comparuerunt omnes excepto dicto Alexandro Barrow, quos dominus monuit ad comparend. in prox. ad recipiendos articulos. Et postea dictus Hobson submisit se correctioni domini Judicis, et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei ad confitendum crimen in ecclesia die dominico prox., et ad certificand. in prox. Sim submisit se, et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei ad confitendum ut supra, et ad certificand. in prox.

Friday 17 Feb. 1603–4 (*as above*).

S^{ti} Oswoldi.—Officium dñi con. Matthew Short. Presented for absence from church on Sondaie the xiij^{th} of November last. (P. 245.)

Quo die certificatorium exhibuit sub manibus Curati et gardianorum de Sedgfeild quod interfuit in ecclesia de Sedgfeild tempore divinarum precum matutinarum die et tempore pro quo presentatus extitit. Unde dominus ipsum gratis dimisit &c.

Officium dñi con. Janam Graie, forn. cum Nicholao Sheifeild.

Pronunciatur contumax; pœna reservata in hunc diem. Quo die comparuit dicta Jana Graie et fatebatur detectionem. Dominus injunxit ei pœnitentias in ecclesia sua parochiali die dominico prox. vestibus lineis, et ad certificand. in prox.

S^{ti} Oswoldi Dunelm.—Officium dño con. Alexandrum Barrow. Presented for feighting and brawling in the parish church of S^{t}. Oswoldes. (P. 246.)

Pronunciatur contumax, pœna reservata in hunc diem. Quo die comparuit dictus Barrow.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Robertum Grene. Presented for being absent from church on Sondaie the xiij^{th} of November last.

Pronunciatur contumax in non certificando de solutione xij d. manibus gardianorum ad usum pauperum &c. Quo die comparuit Simon Green filius dicti Roberti et allegavit dictum patrem suum

nunc ægrotum fuisse. Dñus pronunciavit ipsum contumacem pœna reservata in prox.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Philippum Fawdon. Presented ut supra. Quo die comparuit dictus Fawdon.

Friday, 30 March 1604—in Galilee.

(P. 247.) *S^ti Oswoldi Dunelm.*—Officium dñi con. Janam Graie forn. Ad certificandum de pœnitentiis &c. Quo die.

23 June, 1608—in Galilee—before Edw. Hutton.

(Vol. iii. p. 12.) *S^ti. Oswaldi Dunelm.*—Officium dñi con. Richardum Browne, Willielmum Marshall, Kircham Reade, uxorem Thomæ Batmanson de Broomehall, non communic.

Super artic. comparicionis &c. Quo die.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. gardianos ibidem. They want a Communion table cloth, a Bible, and a Communion book, according to the King's injunctions.

Sup. artic. comparicionis &c.

Friday, 8 July, 1608.

(P. 19.) *S^t. Oswoldi.*—Officium dñi con. Richardum Browne, Willielmum Marshall, Kircham Reade, ux. Thomæ Batmanson, detect. for not receyving the Communion &c.

Super artic. comparicionis &c. Quo die Ingramus Maugham apparitor certificavit dictos detectos fuisse citatos ad comparendum istis die et loco, quibus præconizatis nulli eorum comparuerunt. Unde dñus pronunciavit ipsos contumaces pœna reservata in istis in xv^m prox.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. gardianos ibidem. They want a Communion table cloth, a Bible, and a Communion book, according to the King's Majestie's injunctions.

Similiter. Quo die comparuit J. Richeson unus gardianorum quem dñus injunxit ad providend. detecta excepta biblia citra . . . xv^m et ad tunc certificandum &c.

Friday, 22 July, 1708.

(P. 22.) *S^ti Oswoldi Dunelm.*—Officium dñi. con Richardum Browne, Wm. Marshall, Kircham Read, ux. Thomæ Batmanson de Broomhall, non-communicants.

Pronunciantur contumaces pœna reservata in hunc diem &c. Quo die ad diem in prox.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Johannem Richeson et alios gardianos ibidem. They want a Communion table cloth, a Bible, and a Communion book.

Ad certificandum de provisione detectorum. Quo die. Ad idem in prox. post Michaelis &c.

4 October, legitime certificaverunt. Unde dñus ipsos dimisit.

Friday, 17 March, 1608–9, in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

(P. 29.) *S^ti Oswaldi Dunelm.*—Officium dñi con. Richardum Browne,

Willielmum Marshall, uxorem Thomæ Batmanson, Mariam Watson viduam. Non-communicant.

Similiter. Quo die. Nullo modo. Igitur excommunicantur.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Tho. Mainsforth, forn.

Similiter. Quo die. Igitur excommunicatur.

Tuesday, 3 Oct. 1609. In Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

St Oswold Dunelm.—Officium dñi con. Richardum Browne, Wil- (P. 66.)
lielmum Marshall, Jacobum Crosbie et ejus uxorem, Bussye seniorem, Johannem Bussye, ux. Thomæ Batmanson, Tho. Jackson, viduam Welsh, Katherinam Potter, Rogerum Watson. Non-communicants.

Similiter. (*Super articulis comparitionis &c. Quo die præconizati nullo modo comparuerunt. Unde dñus ipsos excommunicavit.*)

Wedn. 4 Dec. 1611, in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

St Oswold's, non ap.—Officium dñi con. Thomam Horsley et ejus (P. 105.)
uxorem. Rec.

Quo die.

Non app.—Officium dñi con. Robertum Hopper, Janam uxorem Willielmi Marshall, Janam Hopper viduam, Christoferum Batmanson et ejus uxorem, Richardum Browne. Rec.

Quo die.

Non app.—Officium dñi con. Willielmum Marshall, Thomam Jackson, uxorem Thomæ Batmanson, Rogerum Watson, viduam Ovington.

Quo die.

Non ap.—Officium dñi con. Robertum Younger et Grace Trotter, fornicatores.

Quo die non.

St Oswold's.—Officium dñi con. Johannem Chester et Elinoram Williamson, fornic.

Quo die Chester comparuit et fatebatur detectionem. Unde dñus injunxit eis pœnitentias vestibus lineis in ecclesia Sancti Oswoldi Dunelm. et ad certificandum istud in xv°.

Wed. 17 Dec. 1611, in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

St Oswold.—Officium dñi con. Johannem Chester et Elinoram (P. 109.)
Williamson, fornicatores.

Quo die. Pronunciantur contumaces dicti Chester et Williamson; pœna reservata in hunc diem; quo die preconizati nullo modo comparuerunt. Igitur excommunicantur in scriptis.

Wedn. 26 Feb. 1611-12, in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton. (P. 118.)

St Oswold.—Officium dñi con. Willm. Bee fornic.

Ad certificandum de pœnitentiis &c. Quo die dictus Bee non comparuit nec certificavit. Unde dñus pronunciavit ipsum contumacem, pœna reservata in prox. cur. &c.

Thursday, 25 June 1612, in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

(P. 158.) *St Oswold's Dunelm.*—Officium dñi con. Alice Graie a fornic., being gott with child in S^t. Nicholas parish unpunished.

She hath done penance enjoyned by Mr Chancellor.

Wedn. 23 Dec. 1612, in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

(P. 160.) *St Oswold's.*—Officium dñi con. Robertum Cooper, Tho. Walker, Henricum Dun, Tho. Trewhett, gardianos ibidem. Detect, Their churchyeard is undecently kept, being wroted up with swine &c.

Quo die comparuerunt dicti gardiani, quos dñus monuit ad sufficienter reparandos muros &c. cemiterii prædicti et providendam reformacionem detectionis &c. et ad certificandum de præmissis et ad presentand. nomina delinquentium in ea parte in istis in mensem &c.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Mattheum Short, suspect of incontynencie with Margerie Whitfeld.

Quo die Ingramus Maugham apparitor introduxit certificatorium quod dictus Short citatus fuit ad comparendum istis die horis et loco. Unde dñus mandavit ipsum preconizari, qui preconizatus nullo modo comparuit. Igitur pronunciavit ipsum contumacem : pœna reservata — Crast. in xv^m &c. Monuit gardianos ad presentandum quoad famam.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Henricum Noble, detect. of incontynencie with Marie Wright.

Quo die. Similiter.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Henricum Newton, detect. of incontynencie with Marie Farelaine.

Quo die Ingramus Maugham apparitor certificavit se dictum Newton citasse ad comparendum istis die horis et loco. Unde dñus mandavit ipsum preconizari, qui preconizatus nullo modo comparuit. Dñus igitur pronunciavit ipsum contumacem : pœna reservata in crast. in xv^m &c. Monuit gardianos ad presentandum quoad famam.

Presentments given by the churchwardens primo die Octob. A.D. 1611.

(P. 164.) *St Oswold's.*—Recusantes.—Thomas Horsley and his wife, Robt Hopper, Jane the wife of William Marshall, Jane Hopper, widow, Christofer Batmanson and his wife, Richard Brown.

Non Communicantes.—William Marshall, Thomas Jackson, the wife of Thomas Batmanson, Roger Watson, Wedow Ovington.

Fornicatores.—Robert Younger of Shinckliff, Grace Trotter, John Chester, Edm. Williamson.

Croxdaill.—Recusantes.—Jane the wife of Tho. Chater Esquire, Anne Salven wedow.

Non-Communicants.—Jarrard Salven gent, William Salven gent, Edm. Salven, Merriall Salven, Michaell Foster, servant to Mr Thomas Chater Esquire.

Presentments given by the curattes and churchwardens 21 Aprilis A.D. 1612.

St Oswold's Dunelm.—RECUSANTS.—Tho. Horsley et uxor, Rich. Browne, Jane Hopper vidua, Rob[t] Hopper, Christofer Betmisone, et uxor. (P. 166.)

NON-COMMUNICANT.—Uxor Thomæ Betmison of Bromehall.

Alice Graie, a fornicat., being gott with child in St Nicholas parish.

Thursday, 25 Sept. 1617—in Galilee &c.

S[ti] Oswaldi Dunelm.—Officium dñi con. Henricum Noble et Petrum Dowson, presented for fighting in the churchyarde. (P. 255.)

Similiter. Quo die Ingramus Maugham introduxit citacionem cum certificatorio retroscripto, et preconizatis dictis Noble et Dowson non comparuerunt. Unde dñus pronunciavit eos contumaces : pœna reservata in prox.

Officium dñi con. Thomam Wright pro fornicacione cum Margret Butler.

Similiter. Quo die Ingramus Maugham introduxit citacionem et fecit fidem de executione ejusdem. Unde pronunciatur contumax : pœna reservata.

Officium dñi con. Janam Meanes pro incontinentia.

Similiter. Quo die citacione introducta et certificata, et illa preconizata, non comparuit. Unde dñus excommunicavit illam in scriptis.

Officium dñi con. Johannem Flower et Elizabetham Lucie alias Flower.

Similiter. Pronunciantur contumaces : pœna reservata in prox.

Thursday 2 Oct. 1617.

S[t] Oswold's.—Officium dñi con. Henricum Noble et Petrum Dowson, presented for fighting in the church yeard. (P. 261.)

Pronunciantur contumaces : pœna reservata &c. Quo die comparuit dictus Dowson et negavit detectionem &c. Dñus monuit ipsum ad purgandum se secunda manu &c. in istis in tres prox. &c. Dictus vero Henricus Noble preconizatus nullo modo comparuit. Unde dñus excommunicavit ipsum ut prius contumacem : pœna reservata in isto in xv[m] prox.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Tho. Wright, detect. of fornication with Margret Butler, alias [*blank*]. The child was born in Northumberland at his sister's house there whiche he contryved for.

Quo die &c. Comparuit idem Tho. Wright, quem dñus monuit ad interessendum in prox. ad recipiendos articulos &c.

Friday, 7 June, 1612.

Croxdaill.—Officium dñi con. Annam Salven viduam, Janam uxorem Tho. Chator arm., Elinoram Salven, Willielmum Salven, Meriel Salven, Jarrard Salven, Anna uxor Radulphus Younger, Anna Dun ; — Recusants. (P. 267.)

Thursday, 28 Jan[y] 1612-3, in Galilee.

(P. 270.) *S[ti] Oswoldi Dunelm.*—Officium dñi con. Mattheum Short. Suspect of incontinencie with Margerie Whitfeld.

Monitus est dictus Short ad comparendum ad recipiendos articulos &c. Quo die ministratis articulis dñus dictum Short personaliter in inditio existentem juramento corporali oneravit de fideliter respondendo eisdem articulis, tactis &c., et monitus est &c. Et ulterius tunc ibidem dñus juramento corporali oneravit Robertum Cooper et Henricum Dun gardianos ecclesiæ S[ti] Oswoldi prædictæ et Margarie Whitfeld de fideliter deponendo veritatem quam sciverint vel noverint super articulis prædictis, tactis &c., et moniti sunt &c. Quibus omnibus examinatis &c. dñus monuit dictum Mattheum Short ad comparendum in prox. &c. ad audiend. sententiam &c. secundum [?] sive voluntatem suam.

Ibidem.—Officium dñi con. Henricum Noble for fornication with Marie Wright. Presented also to be often drunke and to be a fearfull blasphemer, swearer, &c.

Quo die gardiani ibidem presentaverunt famam criminis prædicti. Unde dñus decrevit ipsum citandum ad respondendum articulis detectioni hujusmodi concernentibus in prox. &c.

Thursday, 9 Oct. 1617, in Galilee, before Edw. Hutton.

(P. 274.) *S[t] Oswold's.*—Officium dñi con. Henricum Noble et Petrum Dowson, presented for fighting in the churchyeard.

Quo die comparuit dictus Dowson. Unde dñus injunxit ei ad comparendum ist. in . . . .

(P. 277.) *S[t] Oswold's.*—Officium dñi con. Petrum Nixon for keping carders in service tyme and carding himselfe.

Super artic. comparicionis. Quo die comparuit dictus Nixon. Unde dñus injunxit ei quod comp[t].

Thursday, 16 Oct. 1617.

(P. 281.) *S[t] Oswold's.*—Officium dñi con. Petrum Dowson for fighting in the churchyeard & drawing blode on Henry Noble.

Thursday, 23 Oct. 1617.

(P. 285.) *S[t] Oswold's.*—Officium dñi coñ Petrum Nixon for carding in service tyme.

Monitus fuit dictus Nixon ad extrahendam schedulam et solvendas expensas gardianis. Quo die preconizatus non comparuit. Unde dñus pronuntiavit eum contumacem et reservavit pœnam in prox.

Quo die comparuit, quem dñus præmissa monuit et demisit. Sol. ij s. vj d.

The following, though not referring to any of the parishes whose records are now published, is added in illustration of contests with regard to seats in church. See p. 86, note (1).

(Vol. ii. p. 185.) Die Veneris viz. nono die mensis Julii Anno Dñi 1602 inter horas decimam ante merediem et tertiam post merediem ejusdem diei in galelea ecclesiæ Cathedralis Dunelm. coram discreto viro

magistro Edw° Hutton in legibus Bacc. &c. et Custodi &c. in presentia mei.

Heighington.—Officium dñi contra Elinoram Richmond uxorem Xpori Richmond et Elinoram Hutchinson uxorem Johannis Hutchinson presented for contending in the Church for seates in tyme of Dyvine Service. (P. 188.)

Ad probandam allegationem eorum uterque habet &c. Quo die comparuit dicta Elinora Richmond et defecit in probatione &c., dictus vero J. Hutcinson ex parte dictæ Elinoræ produxit in testes Annam Smith et Janam Lee quæ juratæ deposuerunt that at the tyme of the said contention Elinor Hutchinson was sett in her stall emongst others & that afterwardes the said Elinor Richmond did come into the same stall & did sitt upon the said Elinor Hutcheson & disturbe her there whereby the said Elinor Hutcheson did with a pinne prick the said Elinor Richmond in the buttock & thereupon rose speeches between them to the disquieting & disturbance of Divine service. Unde dñs injunxit tam dictam Elinoram Richmond quam dictam Elinoram Hutcheson ad humiliter confitendum crimen in ecclesia sua die dominico in proximis precibus vespertinis &c. et ad certificandum in prox. et monuit ipsas sub pena juris quod reverenter se gererent in posterum in ecclesia et quod illa duarum quæ posterior accederet ecclesiam diebus dominicis vel festis &c. non molestet alteram in ea ecclesia quocunque stallo sedentem donec &c.—2 *testes* 12 d.

Note on the Case of Alice Huntley, p. 347.

By the Canon law contract between the parties, *per verba de præsenti*, constituted a valid marriage, though without any intervention of a priest. Hence, persons cited to the ecclesiastical courts for cohabitation, if they could prove such contract, were only required to *solemnize* the marriage, already *contracted*, under pain of ecclesiastical penalties. The Council of Trent (*Sess.* xxiv.) decreed that such informal and irregular marriages should be thenceforward null and void, making the intervention of a priest a *sine qua non*. But this decree did not affect the procedure of our own ecclesiastical courts. In vol. xxi. of the Surtees Soc. publications (containing depositions and ecclesiastical proceedings from the Courts of Durham from 1311 to the reign of Elizabeth) interesting instances will be found of such *handfasting* (as it was called), in private houses or elsewhere, being proved and recognised in court. By 26 G. II. c. 33, it was enacted that 'no writ or proceeding shall be had in any ecclesiastical court in order to compel a celebration of any marriage *in facie ecclesiæ* by reason of any contract of matrimony, whether *per verba de præsenti* or *per verba de futuro*.' This statute and subsequent Marriage Acts have fixed our present law of marriage. It is observable that the law of Scotland still recognises as valid such marriages as were recognised by the old Canon law.

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